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Dear Mr. ~~Steele~~ *Graham*:

Thank you for your letter of August 23, 2007, regarding the rules for new intersections along Northwest Arm Drive.

Northwest Arm Drive, which extends from Main Avenue to Old Sambro Road, is owned and maintained by the Department of Transportation and Public Works (TPW). This roadway has control of access designation under the *Public Highways Act*, and any new intersections require TPW approval. The decision to allow access to Northwest Arm Drive is not made by the HRM or by developers.

Northwest Arm Drive is designated to a high standard and the number of intersections have been limited in order to safely accommodate large volumes of traffic at higher speeds. Any new intersections would have to be located a minimum of 500 metres from existing intersections and be supported by a detailed safety and operational analysis. TPW will only consider requests for new intersections on Northwest Arm Drive if there is a very compelling reason to address existing traffic problems or to service new developments where alternative access options are not feasible.

I trust this provides you with the information you requested.

Sincerely,

Angus MacIsaac
Minister