



**House of Assembly
Nova Scotia**

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Hon. Angus MacIsaac
Minister of Transportation & Public Works
PO Box 186
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Dear Minister:

Re: CN Rail Line – Joseph Howe Drive to Lakeside, Halifax

It recently came to my attention that CN has formally applied for discontinuance of the rail line that runs from Joseph Howe Drive out to Lakeside in Halifax.

Most of this rail line is in my constituency. It runs across and then along the main traffic artery in my constituency, across the Joseph Howe Drive ramps to the Bicentennial Highway, and then continues through and around residential neighbourhoods before heading out to Lakeside. Needless to say, the future of this line will be of significant interest to my constituents, especially those living beside or near the line.

It is my understanding that, as part of the legislated discontinuance process, CN is required to provide various notifications to the Province. I would be obliged if I could be kept informed of this matter as it unfolds. I am particularly interested in knowing whether the Province has any plans or proposals for the line, whether for transportation, recreation or otherwise, alone or in partnership with the municipality.

Yours sincerely,

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