From:	Juanita Spencer
To:	Hendsbee, David
Cc:	Wesley Petite; Charlotte Tavenor
Subject:	Re: Intra-Provincial Transportation network
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Hi David,

Apologies for the delay. I have added your request to the agenda for the next board of directors meeting in September.

Staff will do some research prior to the board meeting as to the history of the file. I'm not sure when, or if, NSFM has been engaged previously.

We will circle back after the meeting.

Regards,
Juanita

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On Jul 14, 2022, at 11:37, Hendsbee, David <hendsbd@halifax.ca> wrote:

Hello Juanita & Wesley and all others -

When did NSFM last have a conversation about the need for a intra-provincial transportation network?

Since the demise of Acadian Lines and the emergence of Maritime Bus, have the municipalities across the province had a chance to discuss the ramifications of loosing the inter-connectivity between the various towns and villages and urban communities? Some routes have been maintained whereas others were lost.

If we have not done this recently, then I believe it is time for us to bring this issue to the forefront.

Perhaps there could be a symposium on this subject where various partners and planners can converge to discuss this topic with municipalities to determine the degree of necessity that an intra-provincial transportation network has.

Does NSFM have any past reports or resolutions on this topic? If so, can we

collate them together. Couple these with the research and studies done by DalTRAC and other planners so we can have a fulsome conversation on this issue.

Then there could be some recommendations and resolutions come forth from NSFM to the Provincial Government about the need to support and invest in an Intra-Provincial transportation system.

And is there a methodology whereas the municipalities could be a funding partner as well. Normally municipal governments can't provide direct financial assistance or grants to a private business such as Maritime Bus but there ought to be some contribution derived from the Mandatory Contributions that the Province takes from our municipal property tax base.

Maybe the Federal - Provincial Public Transit Green Transportation Fund can be a source of revenue to fund this project.

As you can see, there are many aspects about this subject matter that we can discuss. Perhaps NSFM is the place to build this platform for discussion.

I would welcome comments and suggestions from anyone I have included in this correspondence,

Bus Regards - David Hendsbee
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