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Delivered via email

Dear Deputy Mayor Draper:

RE: GEOTECHNICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL TESTING

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM). Thank you for your letter dated September 18th, 2019. In that letter you explained the importance of testing for sinkholes underneath Highways 104 and 321. Your letter also asked the NSFM Board for their support in petitioning the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) to conduct geotechnical and geophysical testing on Highways 104 and 321.

The NSFM Board was presented with this information at our September 19th meeting, and the Board directed staff to draft a letter to Minister Hines in support of your request. By early October, TIR had started a program of testing on the areas in question. The details of their testing seemed to match your request. NSFM staff were also in contact with your CAO, Rachel Jones, to confirm action was being taken. As a result, the NSFM's letter of support was not sent.

Please let us know if our understanding is correct, and that your request has been resolved to your satisfaction. And please don't hesitate to contact us for support in similar matters.

Sincerely,

Mayor Pam Mood
President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

CC: Amherst Town Council
Cumberland County Council
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