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Re: Concerns Regarding Road Conditions on Route 480

Dear MHA King,

Thank you for your further correspondence regarding the condition of Route 480, Burgeo Highway.

I understand that you remain concerned with the response previously provided and that the information shared has not addressed your concerns to your satisfaction. While the Department's position and response remain unchanged, I would like to reiterate our commitment to maintaining safe and reliable travel along this important transportation corridor.

As previously noted, approximately 296 tonnes of asphalt were placed on Route 480 this summer to address potholes and other areas of deterioration. Maintenance work is expected to continue through the fall. In addition, the Burgeo depot has opened and will support ongoing patching efforts on Route 480 alongside the Cold Brook depot.

I understand that a committee has been established regarding the condition of Route 480. I also recognize that residents and travellers would like to see the highway paved. I appreciate these concerns and understand the importance of the route to those who rely on it.

The Department's engineering staff continue to assess Route 480 regularly and have identified sections of the highway for future consideration. As part of the Provincial Roads Program, roadway assessments are conducted annually to inform infrastructure planning and investment decisions. Department officials are currently gathering and reviewing information in preparation for the next Roads Program cycle, which will be considered in the new year. The Department continues to review the highway's condition, and maintenance activities will continue as operational priorities, resources, and weather conditions permit.

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To inform the 2027-28 Roads Plan, my Department intends to launch consultations early in the New Year, whereby members of the public can submit their views or concerns, along with photos, via e-mail or regular mail. I welcome public input in this process.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your concerns. We appreciate your continued advocacy for the residents and travellers who rely on Route 480.

Sincerely,

HON. BARRY PETTEN, MHA
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District of Conception Bay South
"Lead the way, safety today."

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