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The Honourable Bill Estabrooks
BLT Recreation Centre
1492 St. Margaret's Bay Road
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Dear Minister Estabrooks:

Re: Ownership of River Road, Lake Echo

Please be advised, during the HRM Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council of June 9, 2010, a resident expressed concern with regard to the condition/maintenance of River Road, Lake Echo. The resident further questioned the ownership of and responsibility for River Road and asked that the Community Council to review this matter.

Could you please review this matter and advise on the ownership status of River Road. There has been a long debate over who installed River Road. It has been referred to as a fire access road that the Province of Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources built to serve the southern portion of the Waverley Game Sanctuary. It also serves as access to the Nova Scotia Hospital Camp Victoria summer facility.

Unfortunately, the road was not built to standard. The Community Council understands that only the front portion of this roadway is considered as 'publicly' listed. If the Province is responsible, your department or another, will it consider upgrading the road to standard.

Please contact me at 483-0705 or by email david.hendsbee@halifax.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Councillor David Hendsbee, Chair
Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council

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