

Councillor Request for Information

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(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Thursday)

Added Item

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Monday)

Date of Council Meeting: November 21, 2006

Subject: Beaver Bank Collector Road Interchange- Sackville Drive to Highway 101

Request:

Please include the above item on the agenda of the Council Meeting to be held on November 21, 2006.

Reason:

I will be asking that a letter be sent to the Province requesting that the Department of Transportation and Public Works look at moving the interchange project to a high priority and, specifically, when residents can expect work on the project to begin.

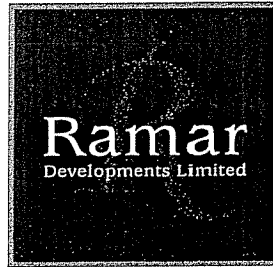
I would like this response as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Email to Mayor, Council and Municipal Clerk's Office | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memo to Mayor, Council and Municipal Clerk's Office | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Information Report to | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Recommendation Report to | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Council |

Councillor Brad Johns

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October 30, 2006



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Dear Mr. Barnet:

I am writing to you regarding Traffic concerns in the Hammonds Plains, Lucasville, Sackville, and Beaverbank areas. As you may be aware, The Nova Scotia Department of Transportation Communications has had on the books for some time now, the Beaverbank Collector Road, which involves the new interchange on the 101 Highway, approximately 2.6 kms north of the exiting Beaverbank interchange. This proposed collector road is to address existing traffic problems in the areas of Hammonds Plains, Lucasville, Sackville and Beaverbank.

Over the past ten years, a significant number of new developments have been created in this area, adding significant amounts of traffic to the existing infrastructure; additionally, there are currently numerous applications for additional development in this area of the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) that will likely be built within the next few years adding even greater traffic.

Our company, Ramar Developments, has an application before the HRM for lands between McCabe Lake and Highway 101. Through discussions with HRM and Nova Scotia Transportation and Public Works (NSTPW) it has been brought to my attention that this collector road and interchange has been identified in the Regional Plan.

At the suggestion of HRM, Ramar Developments has agreed to cost share on the bridge crossing over the Sackville River relative to the recently revised location of the collector road, given that this new collector road location would eliminate the need for Ramar Developments to cross the river at a less preferred position from HRM's perspective.

At this point, a decision needs to be made as to which way we proceed:

- (1) Using the recently revised collector road layout as access over the Sackville River, Ramar Developments does not control these parcels of lands, therefore not able to effectively implement this strategy on a timely basis.

or,

- (2) Construct our own access over the Sackville River as reflected in our conceptual and tentative applications.

This is an opportunity for the Province to be proactive in solving traffic problems and receive significant cost sharing on a project that has been recognized as a priority in the new Regional Plan.

Ramar is prepared to pay HRM or NSTPW the cost of the river crossing that is currently designed and deed over the required land for the collector road where it crosses our land at no cost providing direct access to our land holdings is facilitated.

I realize that the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation Communications has a priority list of projects to be completed and that they are all very important and worthwhile. I am requesting that you give this particular project, namely the Beaverbank Collector Road and Highway 101 interchange high priority. I further request a response to the following question: When can our community expect to see construction of this interchange? This information will be critical in determining our future directives associated with this project.

Sincerely,



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