



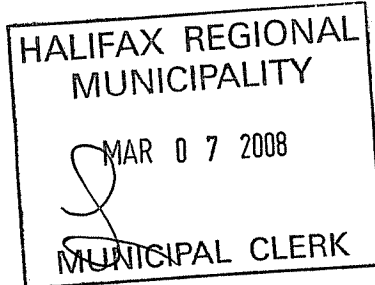
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January 25, 2008

**Honourable Lawrence Cannon
Minister of Transport,
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**Honourable Murray Scott
Department of Transportation
and Infrastructure Renewal
2nd Floor, Johnston Building
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Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3Z8**

Re: Transportation -- Rail Service

Dear Honourable Ministers,

At the January 15th, 2008 meeting of the CBRM Council, the enclosed proclamation on railway Transportation was read requesting Council endorse the reinstatement of the rail service from Sydney to Truro and Halifax.

Council, by motion, unanimously supported the request to have the proclamation forwarded to your office as well as all Municipalities east of Truro asking for support.

CBRM Council, by way of this correspondence, is also expressing support for a feasibility study of the Orangedale Special. CBRM Council will also notify the Federal and Provincial Government and their agencies including ECBC, that they support the proposed feasibility study of the "Orangedale Special".

**Bernie White
Municipal Clerk**

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Attach

C: Marlene Usher Acting CEO, ECBC
Town of Port Hawkesbury
Town of Westville
Mun. of the County of Colchester
Town of New Glasgow

Mun. of the District of St. Mary's
Town of Antigonish
Town of Stellarton
Halifax Regional Municipality
Town of Truro

Town of Canso
Mun. of the County of Antigonish
Mun. of the County of Pictou
Mun. of the County of Guysborough

PROCLAMATION

TRANSPORTATION

- Whereas:** Transportation, infrastructure, to and from eastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton and Newfoundland has reached the point where it is a deterrent to economic development, as well as a lack of what may be classed as comfortable opportunities, by air and rail to make connecting services to other provinces as well as the USA;
- And Whereas:** The past ridership on rail liner passenger service was considered as one of the highest in Canada;
- And Whereas:** The removal of rail liner service from Sydney to Truro had a serious and detrimental impact on the whole passenger service in eastern Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and Newfoundland;
- And Whereas:** The reinstatement of passenger rail, including a mixed rail service of express and mail and other commodities, may very well create a viable transportation service, while at the same time providing the area with one of the most important ingredients required for the location and success of manufacturing industrial and commercial sector as well as the traveling public;
- And Whereas:** This mixed and inter model service by rail would also prove to be much more energy efficient while contributing to a cleaner environment as well as creating high paying jobs that would make a significant contribution to the area;
- Be It Therefore Resolved:** That this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities, east of Truro for their support and be it further resolved that Municipalities East of Truro, request the support of their Provincial and Federal Politicians.

Councillor Charlie Long
CBRM District 10