

## Councillor Request for Information

**/ Included on Agenda**

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

**9 Added Item**

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

**Date of Council Meeting: March 25, 2008**

**Subject: Reinstatement of the rail service from Sydney to Truro and Halifax**

**Request:**

I would like to add **“Reinstatement of the rail service from Sydney to Truro and Halifax”** to the Council Agenda on March 25, 2008. I am requesting that Council endorse the reinstatement of the rail service from Sydney to Truro and Halifax. I am also requesting that the Mayor write a letter of support to the MLAs and MPs of the following municipalities: Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Town of Port Hawkesbury, Town of Westville, Municipality of the County of Colchester, Town of New Glasgow, Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, Town of Antigonish, Town of Stellarton, Halifax Regional Municipality, Town of Truro, Town of Canso, Municipality of the County of Antigonish, Municipality of the County of Pictou and Municipality of the County of Guysborough.

**Reason:**

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. 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. 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. 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.

**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 |

Russell Walker

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Councillor (*Name*)

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