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Attention: Honourable Kim Masland, Minister of Public Works  
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Dear Minister Masland,

**Re: "K" CLASS ROADS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF SHELburne**

I am writing on behalf of the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne with respect to a difficult situation that involved one of the "K" class roads within our Municipality. Following a single landowner using one of the "K" class roads for forestry purposes, he effectively destroyed the road and prevented its effective use by a large number of other landowners from accessing their properties.

Council was approached by a delegation of landowners who were unable to access their properties with a query as to whether or not the Municipality could do anything to rectify the situation and restore the road to its previous condition. As you are likely aware, our research on the matter identified that the Municipality has no authority over the road and no ability to enforce the forester to repair the road.

As such, the Municipality requests that the Province recognize that although it owns the "K" class roads but has decided to maintain them no longer, a solution should be found to ensure these roads are not abused or degraded by individuals at the expense of others using such roads. We respectfully suggest the Province consider establishing regulations whereby individual(s) can be forced to repair "K" class roads to their original state in the event their activities degrade the road to the point that other landowners cannot use them to access their properties.

As the owner of "K" class roads, we come to you to look for a solution to this situation which likely occurs frequently, given the number of "K" class roads within the Province.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope your team can work with our residents to resolve this issue.

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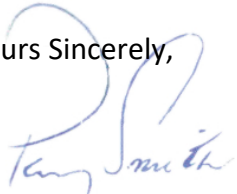
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Yours Sincerely,  


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