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Penny Smith, Warden
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Dear Warden Smith:

Thank you for your letter dated March 1, 2024, regarding gravel road conditions in the Municipality of Shelburne, Shelburne County.

The Department of Public Works has noted rapid deterioration in the condition of gravel roads across the province, and even more so in the Western region. Many gravel roads deteriorate during the winter months and some of them have become very soft, due to the ground thawing and the heavy precipitation. Unfortunately, this is the worst springtime conditions that we have seen in many years.

The province continues to invest into the Capital Construction Gravel Road Program and local staff are continuously assessing road conditions, along with updating our priority planning list for both the Capital Construction Gravel Road Program and Rural Impact Mitigation Program. It is also my understanding that local staff meet with the Councillors and yourself bi-annually to discuss priorities and are willing to meet more frequently if you prefer.

If you have any further concerns, please contact Pamela Mehlman-Shand, P.Eng., Area Manager, by email at pamela.mehlman-shand@novascotia.ca or by phone at 902-742-2416.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kim D. Masland'.

Kim D. Masland
Minister of Public Works

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