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Dear Barbara Deviller:

On behalf of Fred Tilley, Minister of Public Works, please find attached a response to Warden John Cunningham's letter dated December 17, 2024.

Kind regards,

Rina Meleby  
Executive Administrative Coordinator  
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

Attached please find a letter from Warden John Cunningham of the Municipality of District of Yarmouth concerning Free Transit Services in Rural Nova Scotia.



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John Cunningham, Warden  
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth  
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Dear Warden Cunningham:

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 17, 2024, to Premier Houston concerning Free Transit Services in Rural Nova Scotia. As Minister responsible for the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Premier has asked that I respond on his behalf.

DPW recognizes the importance of transit and the role it plays in enabling citizens to access essential services, including employment, training, and education. As such, it invests nearly \$6 million annually in twenty-three (23) community transportation operators that provide door-to-door service and eight (8) fixed-route service providers.

DPW is committed to supporting the development of a transit plan and would be a willing funding partner when the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth (Municipality) is ready to lead such an initiative. Once the transit plan is completed, the Municipality may be eligible for capital funding through the Capital Projects Stream of the Canada Public Transit Fund (Fund), administered by Housing, Infrastructure, and Communities Canada. This funding could cover up to 80% of the capital costs required to establish a transit service. DPW would also consider contributing to the remaining costs as a funding partner. Additionally, I will consult with my cabinet colleagues to explore further opportunities for the government to support rural transportation operators and their passengers.

It is my understanding that Greg Sewell, Director of Community Transportation, met with members of your staff in January 2024, to discuss transportation options for the Municipality. If the Municipality is interested in continuing this dialogue, Greg Sewell can be reached by telephone at (902) 719-7673 or by e-mail at [Gregory.sewell@novascotia.ca](mailto:Gregory.sewell@novascotia.ca).

Thank you for putting forward this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fred Tilley'.

Fred Tilley  
Minister of Public Works

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