

Resolution 3C

COST-SHARING OF STREETS (PASSED)

⇒ Town of Bridgewater

WHEREAS towns are burdened with 100% of the responsibility of construction and maintenance of their streets; and

WHEREAS heavy commercial trucks exiting 100 series highways must travel through towns in order to reach their destination in a neighbouring municipality; and

WHEREAS there are no alternative viable routes that would allow these trucks to avoid town streets; and

WHEREAS these trucks, consequently, cause costly wear and tear on town streets; and

WHEREAS towns receive no direct property tax benefit from these commercial businesses located outside their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the burden on the towns' property tax payers is significantly greater than both the direct and indirect economic benefit it derives from the truck traffic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities request that the Province of Nova Scotia, in partnership with eligible towns, re-examine this particularly stressful problem with a view to providing a more equitable cost-sharing of any specifically designated street determined to be the one most heavily impacted by commercial truck traffic.

Forwarded to:

Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations

RESPONSE:

I am writing in response to your recent letter concerning Resolutions passed at the October Annual Conference of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

This matter has been referred to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for further discussion and a response will be forthcoming.

The Honourable Ramona Jennex

Minister

December 22, 2010