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Question from MLA James Alyward

Update on active transportation plan for Hillsborough Bridge

- Initial meeting with stakeholders was recently held and another planned for early in the new year.
- Detailed timeline to be considered.
- Anticipated completion of active transportation lane in 2020.
- The new sewer pipe must be completed first which should be by 2018/19.

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Question from MLA Sidney MacEwen

Capacity of kitchen and dining room for Tyne Valley Manor

- The size of the dining room is suitable for the number of residents in the current wings (24 beds) keeping in mind residents may choose to have family members in during dining times.
- If a new wing were to be constructed, it would have its own dining area.
- The kitchen is large enough to accommodate a full new wing (an additional 24 beds) being constructed.

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Question from MLA Colin Lavie

Update on phase 2 of Souris beach project

- Phase 2 consists of the construction of two inter-tidal stone reefs. This project is being funded jointly between the provincial and federal governments under the National Disaster Mitigation Program.
- A working group was established with representation from the Town of Souris, the Souris and Area Branch of the PEI Wildlife Federation, Island Nature Trust, and the Departments of Communities, Land and Environment and Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy.
- The project went to tender on December 6, 2017 and closes on December 21, 2017 with hopes to start construction early in the new year pending the necessary permit approvals.

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Questions from MLA Jamie Fox

Fee paid by Maritime Electric Corporation Limited (MECL) for use of power cables -

- There is no fee to MECL or the City of Summerside for the use of the power cables.
- The Province is fully recovering our costs on the cable through a Debt Collection Agreement with both the City of Summerside and Maritime Electric Corporation Limited.
- This ensures that those fees are not borne by the rate payer.

"Provincial" rate from MECL as a large user of energy?

- As per our legislation, MECL "...rates, tolls and charges for electric power should be reasonable, publicly justifiable and non-discriminatory."
- There is an opportunity for a more favourable rate with MECL if you are an interruptible customer. As Government, an interruptible service would not be acceptable.

Who is incurring the cost to fix the shoreline in Borden-Carleton?

- The shoreline beautification was a good will gesture made to the Town of Borden. The costs will be borne by the project.