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Dear Minister Biggar

Please see attached copy of a letter that was sent on May 15th 2017 to you in regards to Route 3 from Pooles Corner to Georgetown. Over the past week there has been a lot of talk in the Legislature in regards to paving in 2017. One quote of yours that struck me was "I reply back to members and I reply back to residents that have concerns".

Minister I wrote you back in May of 2017 in regards to safety concerns on Route 3 as did the Town of Georgetown supporting my concerns, to this day almost a year later, neither myself nor the Town has ever received a response to these letters or concerns.

This section of highway is getting pounded to pieces with the heavy gravel trucks hauling most of the gravel that is used to fix and build new roads on PEI, the absents of the extra paved shoulder also makes this a dangerous stretch of highway as stated in my previous letter of 2017.

Minister when will you and your Government respond to these concerns and commit to rebuilding Route 3 with a paved shoulder from Pooles Corner to Georgetown and improving the safety on this section of highway, not a band aid fix like was done last fall for 0.4km.

I would appreciate a response on this important matter.

Yours in Fire Safety,

Mark G. Gotell
Fire Chief
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Cc: Premier Wade MacLauchlan
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May 15, 2017

Dear Minister Biggar:

I am writing in regards to safety concerns on Route 3 from Pooles Corner to Georgetown. This section of highway is very busy especially in the summer months with tourists, cyclists and large gravel trucks.

Georgetown has seen an increase in tourists over the past number of years, whether it is visiting one of our fine restaurants, boat tours with Tranquility Cove Adventures, visiting one of the many craft shops or attending a summer show at the Kings Playhouse. We also see many cyclists travel into Georgetown from Rodd's Brudenell River Resort or the Brudenell Provincial Campground.

Georgetown Port is also busy during the summer with many gravel barges unloading the gravel used on improving PEI roads, this increases the wear and tear on Route 3.

My concern is the road does not have the extra shoulder throughout the entire stretch of highway. As well the road is in rough shape. With the tourist traffic, the heavy gravel trucks, a cyclist may have nowhere to go. I have witnessed many big trucks go off to the unpaved portion of the shoulder and I believe it's just a matter of time before there is a serious accident on this section of highway.

With the changes to the federal program for dollars towards road construction I would hope you and your government will take a serious look at improving Route 3 from Pooles Corner to Georgetown.

Route 3 from Cherry Valley to Pooles Corner has always had the paved extra shoulder and it needs to be continued into Georgetown. In the past couple of years I have seen Route 4 into Montague and through Montague rebuilt. Last year it was Route 4 the Alley Mills Road that connects the Seven Mile Road. The Seven Mile Road was completed in 2015.

I believe that Route 3 into Georgetown should be the next major project the province fixes. There seems to be money available for many major projects over the years including realignment of the TransCanada Highway both in Bonshaw and Pownal and the Cornwall Bypass just to name a few. I would hope you and your Government take my request to have Route 3 rebuilt from Pooles Corner to Georgetown seriously before we have a major accident or even a fatality on this dangerous section of highway.

I look forward to your positive response on this matter!

Yours in Fire Safety

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark G. Gotell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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