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Dear :

Re: You are entitled to part of the information you requested – 2017-04845-TIR

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal received your application for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* on September 12, 2017.

In your application, you requested a copy of the following records:

Please provide a copy of the report along with any and all correspondence delivered by Neil MacNeil to the department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the issues/complaints of the Cape Breton Railway Victims Association or the UARB. Please include documents dated between the timeframe of January 1, 2017 until present.

You are entitled to part of the record(s) requested. However, we have removed some of the information from this record according to subsection 5(2) of the Act. The severed information is exempt from disclosure under the Act for the following reason(s):

- Section 14: advice by or for a public body or minister.
- Section 20: unreasonable invasion of personal privacy.
- Section 21: business confidential information.

The remainder of the records are enclosed.

The report you requested was not actually finalized by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal until September 27, 2017. If you would like a copy of the final report, please contact the department directly.

You have the right to ask for a review of this decision by the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner (formerly the Review Officer). You have 60 days from the date of this letter to exercise this right. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is attached. Send the completed form to the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner, P.O. Box 181, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4.

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Please contact Hunter Grant at 902-424-3780 or by e-mail at Hunter.Grant@novascotia.ca, if you need further assistance in regards to this application.

Yours truly,



Paul T. LaFleche, Ph.D., P.Geo., FGC
Deputy Minister

Attach.

Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil <[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> 20(1)
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 7:55 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon; Rankin, Bonnie
Attachments: Final Rail Rport.docx

Shannon, Attached is the final report with the executive summary.

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Section 14(1) Draft

Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 8:59 PM
To: Neil MacNeil
Cc: Rankin, Bonnie
Subject: Re: Rail

Hi Neil - sorry but there was no attachment. The last version I sent you included the changes from NS Power so we need to work from that one. It also included a sentence from G&W after they reviewed it.

[REDACTED] I will be back in town on Thursday - can we talk then? I could also call you from my

(20(1)) meetings in Calgary if you prefer that. Shannon

Shannon Delbridge
 Executive Director
 Public Works & Strategic Initiatives
 Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal

On Sep 10, 2017, at 5:46 PM, Neil MacNeil <[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> wrote: (20(1))

Shannon, Just read your note of Aug. 29th. [REDACTED] (20(1))

Anyway here is my Executive Summary and final report....i.e. no more edits from you. I think you have to accept that this is my report...warts and all!!!

On Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:05 AM, "Delbridge, Shannon" <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca> wrote:

Hi Neil - I am having a hard time reaching you. The attachment you sent was the old report, and did not contain the Exec Summary and I really need to get this out. Can we please speak this afternoon and review the draft I sent you on the Friday before last. Thanks - Shannon

SHANNON DELBRIDGE
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From: Neil MacNeil [REDACTED] [55@yahoo.ca](mailto:[REDACTED]55@yahoo.ca)] (20(1))
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 7:56 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon
Subject: Rail

Shannon, Attached is the final executive summary. Hopefully, we can sign off on this version. I spoke to NS Power planner on Friday and described a possible solution to one crossing. NS Power and Bell Aliant will be at site 7800 along Route 223 by 11:00am Monday. Two property owners will meet them to show them the area. [REDACTED] and his group have not been notified.

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I just read an e-mail from [REDACTED] asking if I will also attend with his planner. I will write him this morning to tell him that I am not travelling to Cape Breton today.

<Final Rail Rport.docx>

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Section 14(1) Draft

Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 2:13 PM
To: 'Neil MacNeil'
Cc: Rankin, Bonnie
Subject: Final Draft Report?
Attachments: FINAL DRAFT Sept 1 2017.docx

Importance: High

Hi Neil – I haven't been able to reach you but I would appreciate it if you could be in touch soon. [REDACTED] was NSP provide me with a correction [REDACTED]

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I haven't received an Executive Summary so I am hoping you can get that to me ASAP.

Here is what I think is the final draft unless you feel there are changes needed. Please let me know.

Thanks! Shannon

Shannon Delbridge

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Section 14(1) Draft

Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Rankin, Bonnie
Subject: RE: Rail

Thanks Bonnie – Neil told me there were some inaccuracies and when he sent back some edits he applied them to the earlier version I think. He says he sent me edits based on this one with a draft exec Summary but I haven't received it yet. [REDACTED] so it might not be until the weekend. Still hoping we will have this finalized by the end of August. Thanks for your review - Shannon

From: Rankin, Bonnie
Sent: August-23-17 2:03 PM
To: Delbridge, Shannon <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca>; 'Neil MacNeil' [REDACTED]@yahoo.ca>
Subject: RE: Rail

I reviewed the attached, looks fine to me.
 Thanks
 Bonnie

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 12:24 PM
To: 'Neil MacNeil' [REDACTED]@yahoo.ca>; Rankin, Bonnie <Bonnie.Rankin@novascotia.ca>
Subject: RE: Rail

Great – I have made some suggested edits to the report but think we are about there! Can you review it all carefully and see if you like the edits or want to make changes ... it is your report after all ... just trying to be helpful and ensuring there is good clarity for the uninitiated reader. Once you give me the thumbs up I will send it to [REDACTED] to review and then on to others internally to review. I will take it from there [REDACTED]

Copying Bonnie to review as well!

Thanks very much Neil! Shannon

From: Neil MacNeil [mailto:[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca]
Sent: August-18-17 12:21 PM
To: Delbridge, Shannon <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Rail

Shannon, I just received a call from NS Power confirming that I will be in Cape Breton Monday morning to meet with the planner to describe the proposed solution. I have arranged to have a couple of property owners meet with the NS Power planner [REDACTED] but no [REDACTED] and his group nor was planning to go Monday....especially with no instructions from you. I will call you later.

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Section 14(1) Draft

Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Rankin, Bonnie
Subject: FW: Rail
Attachments: rail report.docx

fyi

From: Neil MacNeil [mailto: [REDACTED] yahoo.ca] 20(1)
Sent: May-31-17 8:19 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Re: Rail

Shannon, Attached is the report. [REDACTED] and group are continuing to call "demanding" my findings and claiming that they will call the Minister, the Premier and having [REDACTED] of the Spectator file an FOIPOP. They are persistent. However, I have told them that I will not release my report nor will I discuss it with them until my client directs me. 20(1)

On Wednesday, May 31, 2017 3:19 AM, "Delbridge, Shannon" <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca> wrote:

Thanks Neil. Can you send the draft to me electronically please and thanks. I am travelling for the next couple of weeks so this would work best.

Also did the previous invoices get paid. I understood they had but wanted to double check.

Shannon

Shannon Delbridge
 Executive Director
 Public Works & Strategic Initiatives
 Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal

On May 30, 2017, at 2:01 PM, Neil MacNeil [REDACTED] [@yahoo.ca](mailto:[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca) wrote: 20(1)

Shannon, I dropped off the draft report. Attached were the invoices and expense claim. Linda Hill, Procurement Technician, recommended that I resubmit these invoices without the HST charge. I did not send you the NS Power contacts because after drilling down with the regional Power officials they showed that they simply passed through charges posted by G&W. Finally, I spoke with Geoff MacLellan and we agreed that neither of us would attend [REDACTED] meeting/rally. [REDACTED] is more than upset that I would not attend his meeting and that I would not brief him on my study. He claims that he will have an access to information request shortly. 20(1)

Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Rankin, Bonnie
Subject: FW: Meeting
Attachments: image001.jpg

fyi

From: Neil MacNeil [mailto:[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca] (20(1))
Sent: June-20-17 10:36 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Fw: Meeting

Shannon, Welcome back! Attached are e-mails from [REDACTED]. He calls often "requesting" my report. I have told him many times that it is not my report, that it belongs to TIR. I understand that he now has the Mayor of Sydney requesting meetings from Lloyd Hines and Geoff MacLellan. (20(1))

On Saturday, June 17, 2017 8:03 AM, [REDACTED]@gmail.com" [REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote: (20(1))

Geoff

Before the Election, you told me that you were prepared to take on NSP and G&W. Yesterday you were quoted in the CB Post as seeing your role in Energy as "protecting ratepayers in the relationship with Nova Scotia Power."

The CBRV Assoc. has a number of 'ratepayers' who are being abused by NSP. There is also a Business investment opportunity here of \$50 million+.

After these two commitments, and because there are links to you new responsibilities, I would ask that you stay involved until these issues are resolved.

Thus, as per my initial request, I would appreciate it if you would facilitate and attend a meeting between Minister Hines and representatives of the CBRV in the next two weeks.

We will go anywhere for the meeting.

Thank you, [REDACTED] (20(1))

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From: [MacLellan, Geoffrey C](#)
Sent: June 16, 2017 7:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com'; [mla@geoffmaclellan.ca](#); [lphines@ns.sympatico.ca](#); [info@mombourquette.ca](#) (20(1))
Subject: RE:

Hi [REDACTED] 20(1)

My understanding is that Shannon is back on Monday and has a draft of the report. I spoke to deputy minister Paul LaFleche about this so that he would show it to Minister Hines when he is doing departmental briefings. I'm sure Minister Hines would be willing to speak to Neil about this as well.

Geoff.

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com [mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 10:51 AM

To: mla@geoffmaclellan.ca; lpines@ns.sympatico.ca; info@mombourquette.ca

Subject:

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Gentlemen

On behalf of myself and the CBRV Association, I'd like to congratulate everyone on your re-elections, and your appointments to Cabinet.

As Minister MacLellan knows, the Cape Breton Railway Association has been working with TIR, NSP and Gennese & Wyoming for the past 3 years to resolve the issues of the Association. Briefly those are the ridiculous 'Development' and Crossing Fees charged by NSP and G&W respectively, and the outstanding commitment to 59 Leaseholders to allow them to purchase those properties from G&W.

The most immediate concern is that there are 3 families wanting to invest and build new permanent homes along Rte 223 this Summer, who will not do so if they are going to have to pay \$14-19k for 'non Construction costs and permission' from NSP/G&W.

In February of this year, the Ministry of TIR commissioned Neil MacNeil to investigate these 3 issues and provide the Ministry, NSP, and the Utility Review Board with options on how to resolve all issues.

This report was submitted to Shannon Delbridge at TIR nearly a month ago, but to date has not been seen, reviewed or implemented.

Before the NS Govt breaks for the Summer, I am requesting an opportunity, facilitated by our Cape Breton MLAs, to meet with the new Minister of TIR in order to review the situation and agree on a course of action and time frame for having our Issues resolved. I believe that it would be extremely beneficial, in the interest of continuity and expediency, if Minister MacLellan could be in attendance as well.

We are prepared to meet at any location that is convenient to the Ministers involved, at any time, as long as it is before the Summer Solstice.

Thank you [REDACTED] 20(1)

CBRV Association

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Grant, Hunter A

Subject: Review Draft Report
Location: RM-HLFX-JohnstonBld-TIR-03FL-Mtg-314

Start: Fri 6/23/2017 11:30 AM
End: Fri 6/23/2017 12:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Delbridge, Shannon
Required Attendees Rankin, Bonnie; Neil MacNeil

Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil <[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> 20(1)
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Rankin, Bonnie
Subject: Rail-Private Crossings

Bonnie, As I reported to Shannon, you were right concerning private crossing charges. I have canvassed several short line operators in different provinces. Only Nova Scotia regulates private crossing fees. In most jurisdictions, private crossings are considered a private arrangement between the land owner and the railway. It has little to do about rail-crossing safety. It is considered a fee to access private property.

Do you have the background information regarding the 2011 O.I.C. setting the fee at \$300.00? What was the rationale for the government to pass this order. Thanks

Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 1:35 PM
To: Neil MacNeil; Rankin, Bonnie
Subject: Re: Rail- Friday March 31st

Great ... all good. Thanks Neil. Bonnie [REDACTED]
 please and thanks. See you both on Monday - Shannon

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Shannon Delbridge
 Executive Director
 Public Works & Strategic Initiatives
 Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal

On Mar 31, 2017, at 12:38 PM, Neil MacNeil [REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> wrote: 20(1)

Shannon, I will have the March interim report available for our meeting Monday, April 3, at 9:30am. Please note that my February report requires a correction. The private crossing fee in Nova Scotia of \$300. was set in 2011 by TIR regulation and not by the NSUARB. There has been no official appeal to the UARB in the past several years other than a few calls from landowners seeking information.

I am still waiting responses from Quebec and British Columbia regarding private crossing arrangements and fees. All other provinces do not set an annual fee for a private crossing. Arrangements for establishing private crossings are made through negotiations between the landowner and the railway and there is generally an appeal mechanism to resolve disputes. Most provinces follow the CTA guidelines for construction of a private crossing and although those charges vary, private crossings do not cost \$15-20,000.

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Finally, for our meeting Monday, I will seek your guidance regarding a final report. [REDACTED] and others in the victims association are demanding a copy of my report and are not pleased with my response. I have been told that by the end of April, they will be making representations to the Minister and Premier's office to obtain the report. See you Monday.

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Grant, Hunter A

Subject: Update/Draft Interim Report - Railroad Crossing Concerns
Location: RM-HLFX-JohnstonBld-TIR-01FL-Mtg-122

Start: Mon 4/3/2017 9:30 AM
End: Mon 4/3/2017 10:30 AM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Delbridge, Shannon
Required Attendees Rankin, Bonnie; Neil MacNeil

Hi Bonnie and Neil – will this time work for everyone? Thanks-Shannon

Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 12:25 PM
To: 'Neil MacNeil'; Rankin, Bonnie
Subject: RE: Rail

Thank you, Neil. Bonnie, can you seek out the answer to the question Neil has posed below please and thanks.

In terms of getting together, how about Monday morning, April 3rd? 10:00? Bonnie, are you available then as well?

Thanks! Shannon

From: Neil MacNeil [mailto:██████████@yahoo.ca] 20(1)
Sent: March-27-17 11:13 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Rail

Shannon, Good Monday morning. This is just a quick update and a request for assistance. Data from other provinces has been slow in coming but it is arriving. Most western provinces do not charge an annual fee to inspect or maintain private crossings and they generally have an appeal process to the provincial government if disputes arise. Those details will appear in the next monthly report. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated with regard to the setting of the \$300. private crossing fee. Two interpretations exist first, it was set by the NSUARB back in 2012 when trains were running, second, it was set by regulation (Governor in Council) under the Railway Act by TIR. The other question I have for this morning is why the "victims" have not appealed under the Public Utilities Act, Section 83, related to costs proposed by NS Power being "unjust or unreasonable". Do you have any information regarding those questions. Do you wish to set a meeting time, this week or next, to review findings to date and the format for a final report?

Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 2:33 PM
To: 'Neil MacNeil'
Cc: Rankin, Bonnie
Subject: RE: Rail-related study report

OK thanks for letting me know. It will be interesting to learn more about the breakdown on the NS Power cost estimates as well. [REDACTED] 14(1)

From: Neil MacNeil [mailto:[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca] 20(1)
Sent: March-01-17 2:27 PM
To: Delbridge, Shannon <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Re: Rail-related study report

Shannon, It has been slow collecting any information from the railway but we will persist. I have been in contact with the CTA and the Railway Association of Canada to check fees in other jurisdictions but this data is also quite slow in coming. As a heads up you might check out the 2016 map published by the RAC in the publication "Trends". It shows the railway terminating at Port Hawkesbury...no rail connection to Sydney. [REDACTED] and his association know this [REDACTED] 14(1) 20(1)

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017 12:35 PM, "Delbridge, Shannon" <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca> wrote:

Hi Neil – thank you for your update and interim report. I appreciate that you are still at the early stages of gathering this information and bringing clarity to the charges from the rail company, utility companies, etc. This information will be very helpful to understand the concerns of the Victim's of the railway Association.

Please send me an invoice when you have a moment for the first payment in our payment schedule.

Have a great day, Shannon

Shannon Delbridge

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Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil <[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> 20(1)
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 3:10 PM
To: Delbridge, Shannon
Subject: Rail

Mrs. Delbridge. Further to our meeting of Wed. Jan. 4th. ma [REDACTED]

May I also recommend [REDACTED] 14(1)

Finally, the fee of \$5000 a month [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If this meets with your approval, maybe we could settle this next week and I will start asap with the National Transportation Agency interviews and research.
Have a great weekend.

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Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil <[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> 20(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon
Subject: Meeting with Victims

Shannon, To keep you up to date, I had planned to travel to Cape Breton for meetings today but [REDACTED] and 20(1) others suggested that weather would be a problem. We agreed to delay a few days, but they want the meetings soon because several are headed south at the end of the month. I will let you know when these meetings are re-scheduled.....in Cape Breton, not in Florida.

Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil [REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> 20(1)
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon
Subject: Rail

Shannon, Good Wednesday morning. I returned safely from my meetings in Cape Breton....somewhat battered and bruised. This group of "victims" are frustrated (angry). They were less than satisfied with my meetings especially when I refused their requests (many demands) that I do media with them. In particular, they wanted me to do interviews with the CBC radio [REDACTED] of the Spectator, Local Express and the Cape Breton Post. They also "requested" to review my reports before I submitted them to the department. Again, I declined to do so. I will have my monthly report this week. I am waiting on responses from the CTA regarding rail charges in other provinces. You can reach me at [REDACTED] or my cell at [REDACTED] 20(1)

Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil [REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> 20(1)
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 10:38 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon
Subject: Rail

Shannon, Good Wednesday morning. I am writing to get your approval for an extension on filing my preliminary report. Clarity on crossing fees charged in other jurisdictions has been slow coming. I have not been able to connect with rail officials in the western provinces to gather the data you requested. Can we delay until next week? Thanks

Mr. MacNeil,

The person you should speak to at NBM Railways is [REDACTED] His number is [REDACTED] 20(1)

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Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:57 AM
To: 'Neil MacNeil'
Subject: RE: Rail

Thanks. I got your voicemail today – tracking down where the invoice is ... I signed off on it weeks ago and it should have been paid! Sorry Neil!!

Re: Ns Power – my understanding is that you were going to get me a contact name and number to reach out to in order to set up a meeting. Did you send a name in and I missed it? Let me know if I misunderstood.

Thanks! Shannon

From: Neil MacNeil [mailto: [REDACTED]@yahoo.ca]
Sent: April-07-17 8:51 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Rail

Shannon, I suspect that Bonnie hears this often. She was right with regard to charges for private crossings Nova Scotia is the only province that regulates crossing fees. Most jurisdictions only get involved to resolve disputes based on unreasonable charges. Most provinces regard crossings as a private arrangement between the land owner and the railway and the fee is regarded as a property access fee. Note also, that in some cases the short line railway collects a fee over its property even if the line is discontinued.

I will make those changes to my final report.

Also, I was briefed yesterday by the VP legal of G&W with regard to land purchases. [REDACTED]

14(1) [REDACTED] According to G&W, the delay with the remaining land owners lies with land surveys from land owners. Finally, I also learned that G&W is developing a Master Agreement with Nova Scotia Power with regard to installation and maintenance of utilities across rail property.

Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil [REDACTED] yahoo.ca> 20(1)
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon
Subject: [PROBABLE-SPAM]
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Shannon, This is for your files, no comment required. This article was sent to me from [REDACTED] of the " victims 20(1) assoc. " They continue to call demanding my report and do not like my response that they are not my client.

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Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 11:50 AM
To: 'Neil MacNeil'
Subject: RE: Rail

Thanks! I spoke again with NS Power and we will have a meeting set up for next week I think. I will aim for Wednesday or Thursday. Back to you shortly

From: Neil MacNeil [mailto: [REDACTED]@yahoo.ca]
Sent: July-13-17 11:48 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Re: Rail

Shannon, I think we have found the culprit who has been publishing my number. It appears that [REDACTED] has embarked on this campaign of media attention [REDACTED]

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On Wednesday, July 12, 2017 3:35 PM, "Delbridge, Shannon" <Shannon.Delbridge@novascotia.ca> wrote:

Thank you, Neil. Yes we also received questions today and our communications staff are managing them. Please be sure that no one at TIR would ever give out your number.

I put another call in to the woman at NS Power to get that meeting set up. Hopefully she'll respond to my voicemail. Thanks again for the heads up and I hope you're enjoying your summer! Shannon

Shannon Delbridge
 Executive Director
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 Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal

On Jul 12, 2017, at 3:25 PM, Neil MacNeil <[\[REDACTED\]@yahoo.ca](mailto:[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca)> wrote:

Shannon, This is just a heads up. I received a call from [REDACTED] of the Halifax Herald a few minutes ago. [REDACTED] wanted to have a conversation "off the record". I declined. [REDACTED] continued to ask questions including when did I start the rail study, when did I submit the report, what did it recommend. I responded saying that only my client can answer those questions. [REDACTED] claimed to have tried asking those questions of TIR but no answers. I then got a lecture from [REDACTED] of receiving tax payers money and not answering questions from the public. I again declined to discuss anything. [REDACTED] was not amused. I don't know how [REDACTED] got this [REDACTED] number [REDACTED]. I hope no one at TIR released my number. I understand from CBRM Councillor Paruch that [REDACTED] of the Cape Breton Spectator was asking for my number but he declined to give it out and [REDACTED] has not called me. I expect to travel back to Johnstown, Cape Breton on the weekend but I can return if the meeting with NS Power is arranged.

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Grant, Hunter A

From: Delbridge, Shannon
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Neil MacNeil
Subject: Re: Rail

Thanks ... call him in a couple of days again if he doesn't get back to you ... I will do the same!!

Shannon Delbridge
 Executive Director
 Public Works & Strategic Initiatives
 Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal

On Jul 25, 2017, at 11:25 AM, Neil MacNeil [REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> wrote:

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Shannon, Good Tuesday morning. As a heads up, I have not yet received any information from [REDACTED] so I contacted him again and asked for his input. I am anxious to finish this report!!! [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] You may receive some comment concerning my non response to [REDACTED] (Rail Victims). I have declined to take any calls from him and his group for the past several weeks and they are upset.

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Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil <[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> 20(1)
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Delbridge, Shannon
Subject: Fw: Power installation along Route223

Shannon, For your info

On Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:38 AM, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]@nspower.ca> wrote: 20(1)

Hi Neil. I'm hoping to have something ready for you by the end of this week. It needs to be signed off by our communication department which is why it's taking longer than expected. I'll keep you posted.

[REDACTED]
 Director, Regional Operations
 Nova Scotia Power Inc.

T: [REDACTED] | C: [REDACTED] 20(1)
 E: [REDACTED]@nspower.ca

From: Neil MacNeil [mailto:[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca]
Sent: July-25-17 9:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Power installation along Route223

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[REDACTED] Any chance of getting this information so that I can finish this report. Thanks 20(1)

On Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:22 PM, Neil MacNeil <[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> wrote: 20(1)

20(1) [REDACTED] Thank you for the meeting this morning. My objective is to provide clarity on the costs associated with installing power across the G&W rail line in Cape Breton. Again, I want you to know that this information may get public attention at some point. It would be appreciated to clearly identify the application process and general time line from application to actual installation. Also, what are the component costs: estimated cost of survey, engineering costs, flagmen, rail application fee to create an overhead crossing at the discontinued rail line etc. As much detail that you may be comfortable publishing would be appreciated.

Also, if a group of landowners, at the Big Beach area, could agree to jointly pay for a single crossing of the rail line and then have power distributed to the each member of the sponsoring group of five to ten households, over a two mile distance, does NS Power have a standard process for these landowners to coordinate, cooperate, and share the costs.

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Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil <[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> 20(1)
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Delbridge, Shannon
Subject: August Rail draft
Attachments: Assessment of Railway Crossing Fees and Impacts on Property Owners with Properties adjacent to the Sydney Subdivision in Cape Breton Assessment of Railway Crossing Fees and Impacts on Property Owners with Properties.docx; Assessment of Railway Crossing Fees and Impacts on Property Owners with Properties adjacent to the Sydney Subdivision in Cape Breton Assessment of Railway Crossing Fees and Impacts on Property Owners with Properties.docx

Shannon, Sorry. Hope this works.

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Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil <[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Delbridge, Shannon
Subject: Mon. Aug. 28th

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Shannon, I just read Bonnie's e-mail of last week. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I trust that my part is finished. As a heads up, some local residents saw NS Power last week and [REDACTED] is back making calls. Councillor Paruch has e-mailed me this morning to say [REDACTED] has mounted another media campaign and is very upset with me for not returning his calls and not sharing my results. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Grant, Hunter A

From: Neil MacNeil <[REDACTED]@yahoo.ca> 20(1)
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Delbridge, Shannon
Subject: Rail

Shannon, As per our telephone conversation, I have signed off on that last report. Also, as I noted I will not accept any press inquiries or speaking engagements regarding this issue. I am through with this study. Best of Luck as you go forward with this issue.