



**Public Works  
Office of the Minister**

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Friends of Dartmouth Cove  
c/o Jill A. Brogan

Dear Jill A. Brogan:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 29, 2025, on behalf of the Friends of Dartmouth Cove regarding access by 4197847 Nova Scotia Limited (NSL) to Build Nova Scotia owned property.

With respect to NSL access to Build Nova Scotia parcel (PID 00097550), as previously communicated the Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail must remain accessible to the public. Build Nova Scotia indicated in July 2022, and again last summer that if NSL is provided approval to infill in Dartmouth Cove, the access to provincial lands is subject to several conditions. Some of these conditions include, but are not limited to: access must be temporary, ensure the safe public use of the trail, minimize disruption to residents, and time limited.

Currently, there is no change to NSL access to this parcel. NSL may access the site in the same way as the public (by walking or using mobility aids across the trail, for example). However, they are not permitted to access the site for infilling, altering the property, construction activities, or moving heavy equipment across the trail or Build Nova Scotia land. The trail must not be blocked.

As the matter related to Halifax Regional Municipality's planning and bylaw changes to limit infilling in Dartmouth Cove is before the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, we cannot comment further at this time.

Thank you again for your outreach on behalf of the Friends of Dartmouth Cove.

Sincerely,

Fred Tilley  
Minister of Public Works

c: The Honourable Tim Houston, Premier, MLA for Pictou East  
The Honourable Darren Fisher, MP for Dartmouth–Cole Harbour  
Claudia Chender, MLA for Dartmouth South  
Sam Austin, Councillor for Dartmouth Centre  
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