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Peter Leslie
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Dear Peter Leslie:

Thank you for your July 4, 2022, letter outlining your concerns regarding the development of the beach front property at 112 Eagle Head Road in Eagle Head, Queens County, NS.

Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (ECC) takes the alteration of watercourses and wetlands very seriously and as Minister of Environment, I would like to personally thank you for sharing your concerns regarding this property.

An Environment Inspector, who is trained and experienced in identifying wetlands, responded to a complaint that a watercourse and wetland were being altered at the above noted Eagle Head Beach property. Upon inspection, it was determined that a watercourse was altered when upgrades were done to the road accessing the property. Armour stone was placed below the ordinary highwater mark of a pond at the site. ECC did not issue a Watercourse Alteration Approval for this work.

An investigation ensued and it was determined that the contractor and property owner were responsible for altering the watercourse without an approval. The contractor was issued an *Environment Act* Directive to remove the infill from the watercourse. Both the contractor and the property owner were issued Summary Offence Tickets for altering a watercourse without ECC's approval. The contractor has since removed the infill from the pond as directed.

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns regarding this important issue to my attention. Should you have further questions or comments, please contact the Bridgewater District Manager, David Clarke, at 902-543-4685.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Halman', written over a horizontal line.

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

c: David Clarke, District Manager, Minister of Environment and Climate Change