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Dear Mr. Fitch:

The Council of the Town of Riverview has established a clear vision for our municipality that is reflective of the priorities of Riverview residents. As a Council we work together every day to make Riverview "a thriving, safe and welcoming community where present generations live well and the local economy prospers." In our strategic plan we have endorsed four strategic themes which include:

- A safe and welcoming community
- Planning for the future
- Smart and sustainable growth
- Fiscal responsibility and service excellence

A full copy of our Strategic Plan and the progress reports that we have shared with our residents is available for viewing on our website at www.townofriverview.ca.

A number of the Town's strategic plan initiatives will require the engagement and support from the Government of New Brunswick in order to meet the expectations of our residents. On behalf of Council, I am writing each of the candidates for Riverview to discover how you, as the potential local MLA, and your party, will support the Town with our vision for the future. Council is interested in hearing your position on the following specific priorities:

- **Bridgedale Boulevard – A future road project.** The Town of Riverview's proposed concept for Bridgedale Boulevard has economic benefits for not only Riverview but great regional benefits for the tourism industry along the Fundy Trail and improved regional road safety. This four-kilometre urban arterial would connect Gunningsville Boulevard to Hillsborough Road near the Town's boundary. We have applied for Federal and Provincial funding in the past to do phase one of this project, and while representatives have indicated they would look into the status of our funding application, we have never received any follow up.

Tell us how you think this project will benefit our community and how will you support its success?

- **Lion Ken Gabbey Community Pool – Upgrade of Building and Outdoor Pool Infrastructure.** The Lion Ken Gabbey Community Pool is considered a community asset, and Town Council is planning on investing funds in this project in 2019.

Since the Government of New Brunswick has supported the investment in an outdoor pool in Moncton in 2018 are you prepared to advocate that Riverview should receive similar funding for this project?

- **Future Wellness Centre** – The Town continues to explore the concept of a Wellness Centre that would include a new indoor pool facility, a fieldhouse/gym, and in the future an additional ice surface for our community. The Town is about to invest in a fundraising initiative stewarded by community leaders that will start before the end of 2018. This project is included in the Town's ten-year capital plan and while it is a future project we know that it will need Federal and Provincial government funding support after the fundraising campaign is successful.

Can the Town count on your support to move this community project forward during the next four years? And how do you plan to support this community initiative?

Council would also be interested in understanding your position on a couple of other items that are not specific to the Town's strategic plan. Those items include:

- The Province is planning on closing access via the causeway/Petitcodiac Bridge link to Riverview for up to 6 months in 2020. This has obviously been a significant concern to all Riverview residents. While the Town (with Provincial funding support) is attempting to improve the intersection at the Gunningsville Bridge in 2018 to alleviate some of the challenges, we are all well aware that a permanent blockage of the causeway route is a significant concern, one which cannot be completely eliminated by what we are doing today.

The Town has advocated to the Minister, Government members and DTI staff for a better solution and the message back to us each time is there is no solution to avoid this blockage. Riverview residents and businesses will be significantly and negatively impacted. The Town will want to see the Province play a leadership role in determining solutions to help residents and businesses manage through this time period.

What are you prepared to do for the residents and businesses in Riverview to help address their concerns?

- With regards to provincial responsibilities such as health care and education, what is your vision for those services in Riverview over the next four years? As an example, the new Riverview East School already exceeds capacity. What do you see as the future plans for educational facilities in Riverview? And with regards to health care, if the Province moves further toward a primary health care model of delivery, where do you see Riverview's future related to the growth of primary care facilities? Today, Riverview residents travel to Moncton for the majority of health care needs, and in a primary health care model, service options should be contemplated in Riverview.

What is your position on this matter?

Thank you for taking the time to review our list of questions. We appreciate the time and effort you are putting forward to earn the opportunity to represent the great residents of Riverview, and we are looking forward to your written response to our queries.

My intent is to include a copy of this letter to the candidates in the agenda package for the Regular Council meeting of September 10, 2018. If you are interested, and are able to provide us your response in advance of September 10 we will include it in our agenda package, meeting highlights and minutes so we can share your responses with the residents of Riverview.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor Ann Seamans

cc: Members of Riverview Town Council
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