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Subject: Re: Letter from Mayor Ann Seamans - Town of Riverview Issues
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Good afternoon Mayor Seamans;

I would like to thank you for reaching out to me with some of your concerns for the town of Riverview. Please see below for my reply.

Bridgedale Boulevard

This is something that I would like to sit and discuss in more detail before commenting. I would need to know more about traffic projections, for example to determine the Return on Investment of this initiative. I understand that you are looking at future commercial use for property adjacent to Gunningsville Boulevard, and this too would factor into any thoughts that I might have. For example, the regular increase in traffic as a result of office buildings or retail outlets would be significantly different than the expected increase as a result of a hotel.

With the current Gunningsville Boulevard, and the PineGlen/Niagra Road options, I would expect a significant increase in projected traffic in order to justify this project.

This is not to say that I would be opposed, rather that I would require more information on the purpose and scope of the development considerations for this project.

Lion Ken Gabbey Community Pool

Might be my top priority item ... a community pool is vital to the cohesiveness of a community. It's a safe learning environment, a gathering and socializing location, encourages outdoor activity and physical well-being, and provides much needed relief from oppressive heat.

I would want to ensure that the increasing pool depth is maintained. This allows a more diverse use of the facilities, encourages

progressive learning/skill, and I remember well the sense of pride and accomplishment in obtaining access to each level.

Why were the diving boards removed?

Alternative decking material to concrete to reduce both hard and heat related injury.

Sustainability ... increasing costs are a deterrent for many in today's economy, I would like to explore options for sustainability, such as a separate, contained canteen area? Reluctant to increase or promote private rental as this limits public access to the facility.

The hours at the pool in the 1970's were 11:00 am – 9:00 pm, with swimming lessons offered earlier in the mornings. I would like to see a small amount of extension considered, as current hours can be limiting for some families with work/child care schedules, and meal times.

Summer long passes, might also be a worthwhile option to consider.

Future Wellness Centre

Strong possibility of my support.

More information needed about location, and plan for public activity opportunities versus programmed and rented availability? I certainly understand the need for continuous and sustainable income, however want to ensure maximum possible access to the public? One of the things that I hear most about the current Byron Dobson Arena is about the limited amount of time for public/couples skate opportunities as we try to accommodate organized sports and activities for all ... demand currently exceeds demand?

What is the proposed location for such a center? It would be interesting to explore whether such an initiative could be somehow combined with outdoor activity such as a moderate area for the teaching of cross-country skiing, or a moderate groomed walking track?

Causeway Closure

I share your concerns with regards the 6 month closure of the Causeway, and while I realize the Town has taken steps to alleviate some of this with recent work at the Gunningsville Bridge – I am concerned about the capacity, and question whether the steps taken will be sufficient.

Unfortunately, I also see limited options available. A third crossing was discussed and deemed unjustifiable, and unfortunately, that reality hasn't changed.

A couple of options would be to encourage residents living above Pine Glen Road to consider detouring all the way up to Salisbury and down the Moncton Side during peak hours, which I realize is not an ideal situation.

I would also advocate for funding to promote advertisement encouraging the arrangement of car-pooling and public transit options well ahead of the planned closure.

Ideally, we could offer “parking” at either side of the river, with shuttle between – however there simply is no good location for such parking lots.

I would be open to considering any proposals, however, to help alleviate this situation.

Educational Facilities

People are frustrated by the immediate over capacity of the Riverview East School – those living in the area knew during the planning stage that the school would not meet their needs beyond a year or two. While there are obvious concerns with over-building, it would be far more cost-effective and logistically sound to exceed immediate needs at the building stage, than to address the deficiencies after the fact. I do not care for portable classrooms, they create a feeling and atmosphere of separation that is undesirable, and

difficult to address after the fact. Currently, we do not have sufficient need for another school, yet are facing both aging and overcapacity issues that must be addressed. To my knowledge at this time, the current Claude D. Taylor has the largest available space for possible expansion? West Riverview potentially out the back way – but due to the age of the school, perhaps not an optimal option.

I am also concerned about the age, and lack of discussion around the future of the Riverview Middle School.

Primary Health Care Options:

The After Hour Clinics simply do not meet the needs of our residents. The limited hours and first-come-first-serve nature mean that being able to see a Dr. Is a hit-or-miss experience. In addition to this, the lack of a dedicated, primary care option means that many chronic illnesses cannot be treated as these walk-in clinics do not have access to the medical and prescription history required.

Riverview and surrounding areas have long exceeded the residential capacity to support a 3 – 5 Physician Clinic, possibly an OB-GYN, and a blood lab. I've often thought that the 500 Coverdale Road location would be an optimal location for an initiative such as this ... and would certainly support further exploration of such a facility. I do, however, recognize that the current state of our Physician Recruitment and Billing Number System may make such an initiative difficult.

Thank you and have a great day,

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