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Dear Mayor Seamans,

In view of the New Brunswick elections this year, the Town of Riverview has sent a document requesting that the Liberal Association of New Brunswick take position on certain issues related to your inquiries. Please find enclosed our answers.

Best regards,

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## **The Council of the Town of Riverview Election Questions**

- 1. 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?**

The Liberal Party of New Brunswick believes in investing in infrastructure through projects like this one. In 2014, your Liberal Government increased investments into infrastructure by creating the six-year, \$900 million Strategic Infrastructure Initiative, allowing roads to be restored, schools and hospitals to be upgraded, new schools to be built, and countless jobs to be created. Recently, the Premier announced, a re-elected Liberal Government would build upon this by extending the Strategic Infrastructure Initiative by two years at \$75 million per year. If elected, we would fight to have this project funded through this Initiative.

- 2. 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?**

As mentioned earlier, our party believes investing in community projects like this one. There is a provincial program for these types of projects, and we are more than ready to advocate for this project to be funded as your representatives of Riverview and Albert.

**3. 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?**

Our Liberal Government has heavily invested in similar projects in Moncton, Dieppe, and Saint John, while the Conservatives have described those exact same investments as wasteful. Going forward, if elected, we will advocate for a Wellness Centre and support investments made into this project.

**4. 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?**

We strongly support the restoration of the Petitcodiac River, which we believe will provide many long term economic benefits for our region. That being said, the inconvenience caused during the the construction is regrettable. If elected, we

would work closely with the Council to advocate that the province undertake further mitigations to prevent any cause of damage and inconveniences.

**5. 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?**

Education and healthcare are top priorities for the Liberal Party of New Brunswick, which is why this Provincial Government has made historic investments into both. Our Liberal Government's Strategic Infrastructure Initiative includes funding to significantly invest in new schools in growing areas across the province. With respect to healthcare, if elected, we would call on the Minister of Health to undertake a means assessment for this community and call for implementation of those means.