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Sue Uteck, Executive Director  
Spring Garden Area Business Association  
Via Email: [sue@springgardenarea.com](mailto:sue@springgardenarea.com)

Dear Sue Uteck:

Thank you for your email of June 25, 2024, written on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Business Improvement Districts, in which support was voiced for HRM's 2020 request for amendments to the *Halifax Regional Municipal Charter* to enable the Municipality to establish a construction mitigation fund to help mitigate the negative financial impact that some municipal construction projects have on local businesses.

The Strategic Policy and Planning Division is aware of HRM's request, and potential solutions are being considered.

I appreciate the HRM Business Improvement Districts sharing their opinions on this matter with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Thank you for taking the time to write to me on this topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John A. Lohr'.

Honourable John A. Lohr  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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