

PETITION FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT ON DAWSON ROAD

To: The Mayor and Council of the Municipality of West Hants

We, the undersigned residents and community members, are asking the Mayor and Council of West Hants to ensure that the proposed **250–350 home development on Dawson Road** is subject to appropriate Council oversight and responsible, evidence-based planning.

We believe growth should occur in a way that protects the safety, environment, infrastructure, and quality of life of the existing community.

We are asking Council to carefully consider the following concerns:

- **Water security:** Residents in Ellershouse and the Dawson Road area have experienced seasonal water shortages and wells running dry, particularly during recent drought conditions. We are concerned about the potential impact of hundreds of additional homes relying on groundwater.
- **Traffic:** Dawson Road is a steep rural road that would experience a substantial increase in traffic from hundreds of additional households.
- **Emergency access:** *The proposed development would rely on a single vehicle access point, creating concerns about emergency response and evacuation if the road becomes blocked.*
- **Wildfire and evacuation:** A large residential development in a heavily wooded area raises concerns about wildfire risk and the ability to safely evacuate a large population through a single access point.
- **Emergency services:** We are concerned about the additional demands that hundreds of new households could place on local fire, medical, and other emergency services.
- **Schools:** We are concerned about the additional pressure a significant population increase could place on local schools and the resources of the Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education.
- **Septic systems:** Hundreds of additional septic systems could have cumulative impacts on groundwater and the surrounding environment.
- **Stormwater and flooding:** Clearing and developing a large area of forested land could alter drainage patterns and increase stormwater runoff, particularly given the *existing flooding concerns at the bottom of Dawson Road.*
- **Environment and wildlife:** The proposed development could result in substantial forest clearing and habitat loss, affecting wildlife, mature and old forest, wetlands, and other natural features.
- **Rural character and community infrastructure:** A development of this scale represents a significant change to the character and infrastructure needs of Ellershouse and surrounding rural communities. This development also encompasses the land surrounding Dawson Falls, an area enjoyed by many local

and visiting residents as well as a trail system used by the ATV Association of Nova Scotia. The development could see all access to the falls and surrounding area cut off.

WE ARE ASKING MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO:

1. Require meaningful Council review and public consultation for large-scale rural residential development.

Specifically, we ask Council to introduce a by-law providing that:

Residential subdivisions proposing more than 10 residential lots within the General Resource Zone or within lands designated Hamlet or Resource shall only be permitted by Development Agreement.

Projects above this scale deserve **Council review and a public hearing.**

2. Establish a maximum of 100 residential lots for development relying on a single access road.

We ask Council to adopt a standard limiting development served by a single access point to **100 residential lots**, consistent with the approach used by Halifax and many other Regional Municipalities. Halifax Regional Municipality's Municipal Design Guidelines ("Red Book") limit single-access subdivision development to a maximum of 100 lots containing 100 dwelling units where a second access is impractical.

3. Require a safe, independent second access for development beyond 100 lots.

If development beyond 100 lots is proposed, we ask that a second independent access road be required and that it be **constructed to applicable provincial public-road standards** before additional development is approved or occupied.

4. Require appropriate studies before approving development of this scale.

These should include, as appropriate, assessments of **groundwater and well impacts, traffic and road safety, emergency access and evacuation, stormwater and flooding, septic capacity, environmental impacts, wildlife and forest habitat, and impacts on emergency services and schools.**

OUR REQUEST

We are **not opposed to responsible growth.**

We are asking for development that is appropriately planned, properly assessed, and supported by the infrastructure and services required to keep our community safe.

A development of **250–350 homes** is a significant change for a rural community. It deserves more than an as-of-right approval process.

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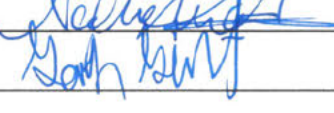
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