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Honourable Kim Masland  
Minister of Public Works

Dear Minister Masland,

I am writing to you concerning a K-Road in Digby County officially known as the Frank Comeau Road.

This .8 km portion of road is a shortcut between two gravel roads known as Maza Road and Petit Moulin Road. Both of these roads are well maintained by Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR).

This portion of Frank Comeau Road is used daily by locals as a connector between two of the busiest lakes in the municipality of Clare. There are permanent residences as well as over a hundred cottages on both lakes as well as rental cottages. There are at least 6 driveways leading to cottages on this section of the road as well as 2 permanent residences.

Nova Scotia Power as well as Mainland Telecom service this portion of the road.

As a daily user of this road, I can confirm that fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, contractors, local traffic, etc. use this road. Department of Highway vehicles use it as a connector to travel between the two gravel roads mentioned above.

The province of Nova Scotia categorized K-Roads as roadways that are owned by the province but not maintained and rarely used by the public. However, this road is used on a daily basis.

This road has not deteriorated over the years and locals have invested money on sections of this road and this from both ends. The base of this road is very solid and can be travelled year round when no snow. Mainland Telecom has cleared the road this summer of bushes, branches and tree tops to install new wires.

As per a recent government news release it was stated that the cost for repair for gravel roads is between \$100 000 and \$125 000 per km. As mentioned above, the portion of Frank Comeau Road that I am concerned with is only .8 km.

Since the Nova Scotia Highway Improvement Plan of September 2021, announced by your office we request TIR to consider maintenance of the .8 km section of the road due to considerable usage.

Best regards,

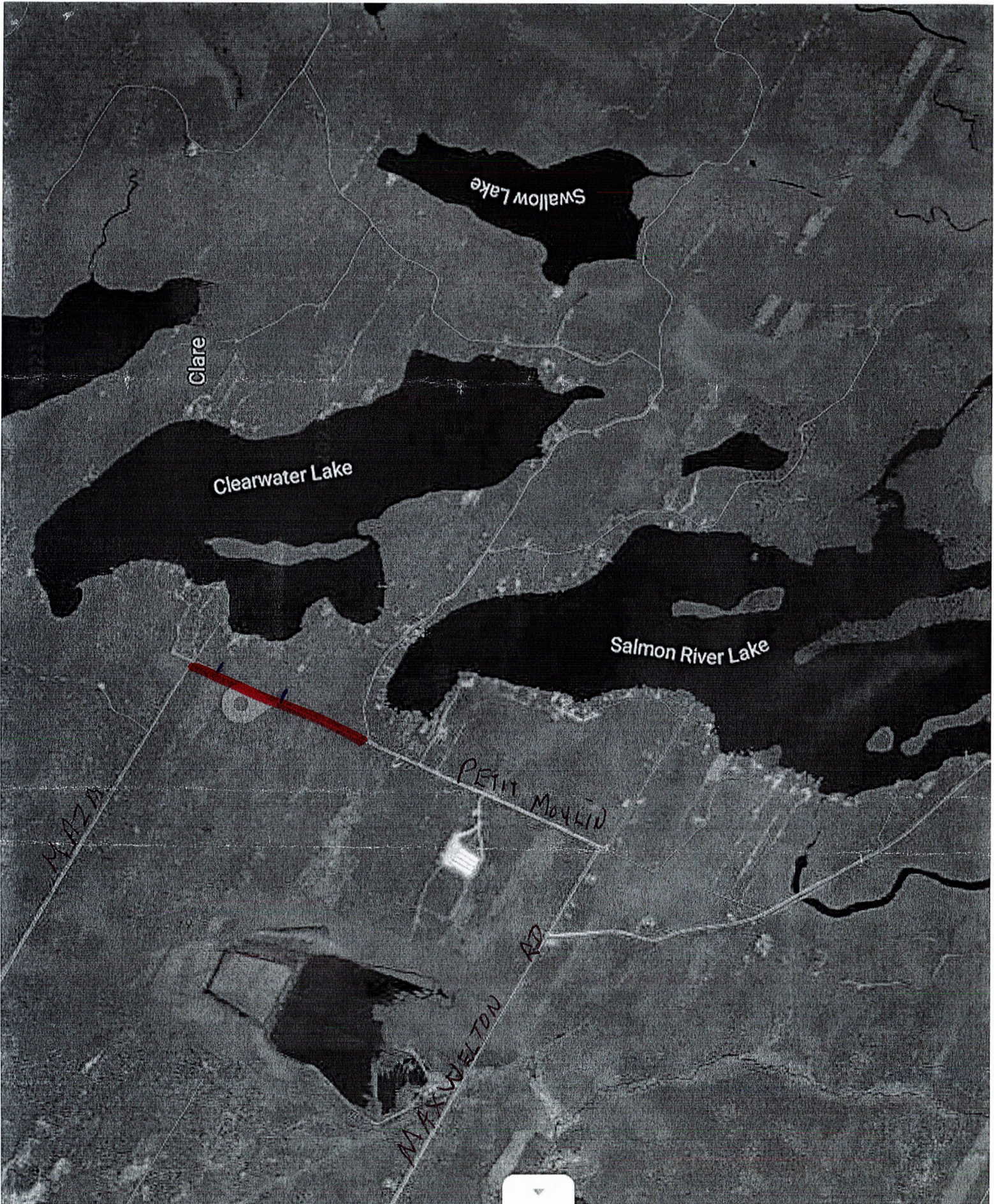


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Included a map of the .8 km section of the Frank Comeau Road.



Swallow Lake

Clare

Clearwater Lake

Salmon River Lake

PETIT MORIN

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