



March 13, 2009

Mayor Peter Kelly
Halifax Regional Municipality
Office of the Mayor
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Dear Mayor Kelly,

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and our Transportation Committee (including committee chair Robert Gaede and Surface Transportation Subcommittee chair Jen Powley), I commend you and Council on last Tuesday's motion to approve the new Ragged Lake transit garage. It is reassuring to see another element of the five-year transit plan being approved.

Transportation is one of the Chamber's three priority areas. Our members place urban transit and commuter issues near the top of their list of concerns. Therefore, we are understandably pleased whenever we hear of measures that will improve urban transit and the commute.

Congratulations to you and Council on this next step to improve the commute.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Valerie Payn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent initial "V".

Valerie Payn
President and CEO
Halifax Chamber of Commerce