To: Mayor and Council of the City of Saint John

Re: Transportation Priorities



Your Worship and Council,

Transportation is the lifeblood of a community. You walk, ride or drive to access the necessities of life: food, shelter and commerce. A genuine transportation plan addresses the basic needs of the populace.

Move SJ, the publically funded entity tasked with municipal transportation, can be likened to an irresponsible home owner, with no money, who chooses to ignore his property's dangerous crumbling infrastructure and insists on financing a professionally landscaped arboretum with state of the art docking facilities to impress his friends when they come to visit.

The high number of fall related hospital visits this past winter testify to the treacherous conditions of our sidewalks yet I am told that Harbour Passage was kept ice free.

It is not fair for the taxpaying citizens of Saint John to sacrifice Safe Pedestrian Access to finance a high maintenance recreational trail designed to service out of town commuters and impress seasonal cruise ship visitors.

Move SJ is fundamentally flawed.

Respectfully,

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