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Re: Request for Exemption - Weight Restriction By-Law

Dear Mr. O'Reilly

Strescon Limited is a producer of Precast Concrete components. Our fabrication plant is located along Provincial Highway Number One and is accessed by Ashburn Lake Road. Strescon serves markets in the Maritime Provinces and the New England States and ships all its products to these markets by road transport. Due to the nature of the products we produce and our need to be as competitive as possible most of the trailers leaving our plant are loaded close to the legal maximum for the Route One highway.

During late winter and for most of the spring, weight restrictions are imposed on many of the provinces roads as well as streets in Saint John. However, Route One and similar highways within the province are exempt from these restrictions and their capacity remains at 100% during this time of the year.

Please accept the following as Strescon Limited's request to exempt the portion of Ashburn Lake Road between the bridge over Marsh Creek to the on ramp to Highway Route 1 from the spring Weight Restriction By-Law.

This exemption would allow Strescon to continue ship loads weighing up to 100% of the Provincial maximum during this time. Forcing Strescon to reduce the payload carried on each trailer by 20% increases the transportation cost for any project Strescon is required to ship during the time weight restrictions are in place. This increased cost makes it difficult for Strescon to remain competitive particularly in New England where other Precast Concrete fabricators do not face similar freight restrictions.

Strescon's precast division employs over 100 people when it is busy, and we try very hard to keep our employment level constant throughout the year. Staying cost competitive in our markets helps make this possible. Strescon believes that an exemption from this weight restriction will aid in avoiding staff layoffs and is therefore in the public interest.

Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely

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