

**Small City,
Big Heart.**

**Chesley Drive Rail Crossing Closure
After Action Review**

Presentation to Common Council
December 9, 2024





Learn from mistakes

...especially when community is significantly impacted



66% of east-west traffic capacity lost

Morning rush hours of Monday, May 27

Harbour Bridge 2 of 4 lanes available (33% capacity)

Rail crossing repair project on Chesley Drive was delayed (another 33% capacity)

Significant delays experienced by community

Immediate City commitment to After Action Review



5 Engaged Partners

- Ocean Steel & Construction Limited
- New Brunswick Southern Railway
- NRB Construction
- Provincial Department of Transportation & Infrastructure
- City departments



5 Contributing Factors

1. No formal City approval process
2. Unaware of entity responsible for work
3. Inadequate communications plan
4. Challenging regulatory environment
5. Harbour Bridge lane closures



5 Actions to Improve

1. City approval process (immediate)
2. Improved public communications
3. Improved regulations
4. Railways attend pre-construction season meetings
5. Expedite Harbour Bridge project



Recommendations

1. Endorse the five actions
2. Endorse referral of After Action Review to the Fundy Regional Services Commission Rail Working Group for consideration.