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**Colleen Paschal, Chair  
Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee**

**Ms. Paschal,**

On behalf of the Halifax Port Authority (HPA), we would like to present to you and your committee an update on the infrastructure plan for the Port of Halifax.

The shipping industry is the foundation on which so much of our economy is built, and it is evolving at a tremendous pace. In less than five years, vessel sizes have increased by one third. Big ships are calling and we need to be ready to welcome the world to our waterfront. As a vital link in the Canadian supply chain, we need to enhance our infrastructure to remain competitive with the potential to grow.

Our immediate need is to get the right infrastructure in place to berth and service two ultra-class vessels by 2020 to preserve cargo-related jobs and ensure Canadian cargo does not flow through US ports. In August, we announced plans to temporarily extend our existing infrastructure at the South End Container Terminal in order to welcome biggest ships on the East Coast. We will limit construction to our existing property and minimize disruption to our neighbours. The HPA is still engaged in looking at options for permanent infrastructure that addresses both the market challenge and the opportunity for the Port of Halifax that comes with increasingly larger container ships sailing to our door. We are committed to choosing an option that includes substantial reduction of container truck traffic and enhances the livability of Halifax, particularly in the downtown core.

Our waterfront works because we are part of a community that understands the importance of connecting Halifax to the world.

Thank you for the opportunity to present. We will continue to keep you and the committee updated as we move forward with our planning.

Kind regards,

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