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Highway 101 Task Force Re-Established to Advance Marshalltown-to-Weymouth Bypass

DIGBY COUNTY, NOVA SCOTIA – JUNE 26, 2026: Municipal leaders from across Southwest Nova Scotia have officially re-established the Highway 101 Task Force, renewing a collaborative regional effort to advocate for the inclusion of the Marshalltown-to-Weymouth bypass project in the Province of Nova Scotia's Five-Year Highway Improvement Plan.

The Task Force is comprised of representatives from the Municipality of the District of Digby, the Town of Digby, the Municipality of the District of Clare, the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, and the Town of Yarmouth. The group recently held its first meeting, bringing together municipal leaders and government representatives to discuss priorities, highway safety, and the importance of advancing strategic infrastructure investments in the region.

The first meeting was attended by MLA Jill Balser, MLA Ryan Robicheau, and MP Chris d'Entremont, who joined municipal representatives in discussions regarding the future of Highway 101 and the need for continued investment in one of Nova Scotia's most important transportation corridors.

The primary mandate of the Task Force is to advocate for the inclusion of the Marshalltown-to-Weymouth bypass project in the Province of Nova Scotia's Five-Year Highway Improvement Plan. Task Force members believe the project represents a critical next step in improving highway safety, enhancing regional connectivity, and supporting economic growth and tourism throughout Southwest Nova Scotia.

"By working together and speaking with a unified voice, our municipalities can more effectively demonstrate the importance of the Marshalltown-to-Weymouth bypass project to residents, businesses, and visitors throughout the region," said Warden Linda Gregory, Chair of the Task Force. "This project is essential to improving transportation infrastructure and ensuring the long-term safety and prosperity of our communities."

Highway 101 serves as a vital transportation link connecting communities across Southwest Nova Scotia and supporting key sectors of the regional economy, including fisheries, tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, and transportation. The Task Force will work collaboratively with provincial and federal partners to build awareness of the project's importance and advocate for its inclusion in future provincial infrastructure planning.

Members agreed to continue meeting regularly and to develop a coordinated advocacy strategy aimed at advancing the Marshalltown-to-Weymouth bypass project as a regional priority.

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