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Mr. Ed Grant, Chair
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Dear Mr. Grant:

Ed.

Further to my letter of February 8, 2019, which provided direction with respect to cabins on un-serviced roads and my subsequent letter of February 27, 2019, regarding the discontinuation of waste collection services for roads where the Eastern Regional Service Board (ERSB) experiences challenges in delivering waste collection services, I am writing to provide further direction on this matter.

To this end, I am directing that the ERSB submit a plan by **April 1, 2019** to implement additional changes to its Service Delivery Policy for waste collection, such that **waste collection services and respective fees will no longer be mandatory for any individuals who own a secondary residence on any road that is not serviced, directly or indirectly, by a level of government.** It is my position that these property ownership criteria could be verified by the provision of a tax or fee invoice from a municipality or a local service district for the primary residence.

To further clarify, the directive does not apply to properties on roads maintained by the Provincial Government, a municipality, or a local service district, but would apply to roads maintained solely by other groups (e.g. cabin owners) on a voluntary basis.

In addition, I am also directing ERSB in its implementation plan for these Service Delivery Policy changes, to ensure that there is **no resulting fee increase for its remaining clients.**

At the same time, I am also ordering a special audit regarding ERSB's waste collection services and associated fee-setting practices, in accordance with section 34(3) of the *Regional Service Boards Act, 2012*. Department officials will provide further detail on how this audit will be conducted in the coming days.

Finally, I also acknowledge that these issues regarding service delivery and fee structures will be addressed on a provincial scale through the comprehensive review of the Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy, announced in January 2019. Stakeholder consultation will be a part of this review, and I expect ERSB will participate fully in this review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to working with you to implement these next steps in the very near future.

Sincerely,



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cc: Honourable Premier Dwight Ball