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SATA Trails Society
c/o Patricia Richards, Co-Chair
1050 East Chezzetcook Road
Chezzetcook, NS B0J 1N0

Dear Ms. Richards:

Re: Prohibited Activities on Crown Lands within the Abandoned Rail Corridor from the Rail Corridor Junction at East Chezzetcook Road to the Rail Corridor Junction at Highway #107, Halifax County.

I am writing to give you notice of activities that are prohibited on the trail authorized to be managed by SATA Trails Society under the Letter of Authority 3053849-A (the LOA) issued by the Department of Lands and Forestry (the Department) on March 16, 2018. The LOA is for a portion of Crown lands identified on Property Online as PID 40603169 and shown as bold line on the attached Schedule "A" (the Crown Lands). To clarify, prohibited activities do not exclude the use of a motorized wheelchair or scooter that is being used by an individual with mobility requirements.

Prohibited Activities:

At no time shall any person operate a motorized mode of transportation. For clarification, this includes the operation or use of any motorcycles, dirt bikes, all terrain-vehicles, snowmobiles, amphibious vehicles, automobiles, trucks or sport utility vehicles. It does not not exclude the use of a motorized wheelchair or scooter that is being used by an individual with mobility requirements

- No person who owns or is in control of a dog shall permit it to be off-leash and all persons must clean up after their dog (s);
- No person shall hunt, trap take or snare any wildlife or attempt to do the same within 15 meters of edge of the trail surface;
- No person shall discharge a loaded firearm or bow; and
- No person shall have in their possession a firearm or bow, unless the firearm or bow is permitted to be carried under the *Wildlife Act* and Regulations made thereunder
 - (i) in the case of a firearm, the firearm must be unloaded, or, in the case of a bow or crossbow, no arrow or bolt can be attached to the string and the string cannot be drawn back.

The prohibitions under the LOA do not apply to:

- Law enforcement officials;
- Nova Scotia government staff while engaged in the execution of their duties;
- Emergency vehicles;

- Vehicles used for construction or maintenance of the trail or under permit from the Department of Lands and Forestry; or
- Vehicles lawfully using licensed crossing and driveways within the rail corridor.

Pursuant to clauses 14 and 15 of the LOA, SATA is reminded of its obligation to post signs to advise the public of the prohibited activities. All signs must be posted so that they are clearly visible in daylight under typical weather conditions and at appropriate locations close in proximity to primary access points to the trail. The wording and location of these signs must be approved by the Department.

Please note that the LOA does not grant SATA exclusive use of Crown Lands. The Crown Lands are owned by the Department and SATA cannot restrict members of the public that are following the terms of use from accessing the Crown Lands.

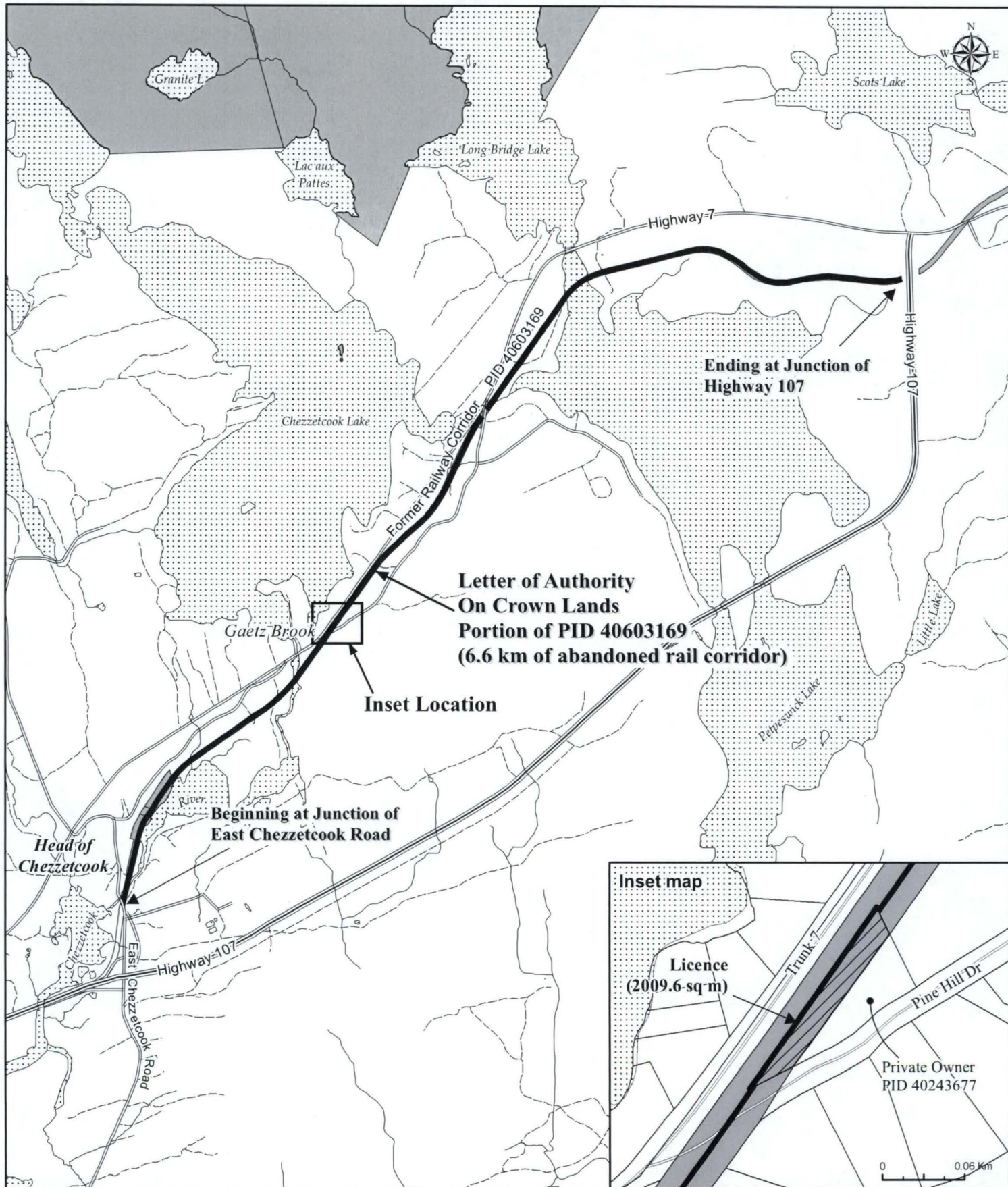
Sincerely,



Iain Rankin
Minister

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SCHEDULE "A"



Plan Showing:

Letter of Authority
On Crown Lands
To SATA Trails Society
Head of Chezzetcook
Halifax County, Nova Scotia

Legend

- Letter of Authority
- Licence Area
- Crown Lands (Lands and Forestry)
- Watercourses and Waterbodies

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