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Dear Mr. Traves,

I am writing on behalf of Darrell Dexter, Leader of the New Democratic Party. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Questionnaire 2009 Provincial Election Leaders' Questionnaire.

Please find attached the responses on behalf of the Nova Scotia NDP.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan O'Connor".

Dan O'Connor
Chief of Staff to Darrell Dexter
Leader, Nova Scotia NDP

Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Questionnaire

2009 Provincial Election

Leaders' Questionnaire

NDP Response

Questions

Q1: Currently trail building in Nova Scotia is seen by the National Trail Coalition as a model example of how organizations such as SANS, ATVANS, NSORRA, and NSTF can work together with government to be a leader in collaborative trail building to benefit all stakeholders. The OHV Ministerial Advisory Committee has been very effective in bringing these stakeholder together and supporting them financially.

If elected will you continue support of the OHV MAC as it stands today?

The NDP will continue working with the Nova Scotia Off-highway Vehicle Ministerial Advisory Committee and all stakeholders to implement the Provincial Direction and Action Plan for Off Highway Vehicles in Nova Scotia.

Q2: By establishing trail-building priorities for non-motorized trail users only, the Trans Canada Trail system will work against our efforts in Nova Scotia to promote co-operation and community amongst motorized and non-motorized trail groups. It is also contrary to Nova Scotia's tremendous potential for trails-based recreation and tourism, and is a lost opportunity for promoting an important form of active enjoyment of Nova Scotia's great outdoors.

If elected will you support non-motorized (anti access) groups with respect to Trans Canada Trails?

The NDP sees trail decisions best made on a community by community basis with special care being paid to residents living adjacent to trails.

Q3: Off Road Motorcyclist are looking for a slightly different type of trail experience than ATV and snowmobile operators. It is a desire of NSORRA to have sections of "single track" trail in distributed locations across the province that would allow Off Road Riders, mountain bikers, hikers and back wood skiers to have this alternate experience. In addition we would like to have specific training areas to facilitate the "Dirt Bike School" program that we are currently using to train Off Road Riders in Nova Scotia to meet the OHV regulations.

Any such decision would have to be brought forward from the MAC and be based upon the current fiscal situation of the province.

Q4: If elected will you commit to a meeting with NSORRA leadership within your first 100 days in office?

The NDP will welcome the opportunity to meet with representatives of Nova Scotia's off highway vehicle associations.