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Dear Adopt-a-Highway and Annual Spring Roadside Clean Up member,

The 2007 Spring Roadside clean up was a great success with over 50 groups cleaning up New Brunswick's highways! Thank you for all your hard work in support of this great program. As some of you are aware the Adopt-a-Highway program is funded through the Environmental Trust Fund (ETF), a Provincial government funding program. This funding body has supported the Adopt-a-Highway and Annual Spring Roadside Clean Up since 1999.

ETF provides funding in the order of \$90,000 - \$100,000 range annually to run the Adopt-a-Highway program. However, we received word from the ETF that our funding for the 2007-2008 fiscal year has been cut from the \$90 000 we need to run the program to \$30 000. We are in the process of appealing this decision but are not guaranteed any further funding. We are doing everything within our powers to find financial support to keep this program running. **If financial support is not secured shortly our only option is to put the Adopt-a-Highway program on hold for fall 2007, spring 2008 and until further funding is secured.**

To you, as an Adopt-a-Highway group member this means that the program will no longer have the personnel required to administer the program, provide your group with empty garbage bags or pick up of full bags. This is a shame as this is a vital program to the province not only for keeping NB highway's clean but as an action of environmental stewardship and education by the general public.

We will continue to keep you up to date on the progress that is being made with securing funding. Until then if you would like to assist with this process please feel free to contact your local MLA and let them know about your involvement in the program and your desire to have funding in place in order for the program to continue.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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