

**NO PROFITING OFF OUR  
FAMILIES' SAFETY!**

# Safe, Twinned and Public Highways for Nova Scotians



Less twinned highway, less  
safe highway for more money?  
**That's highway robbery!**

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a message to the Premier and your MLA,  
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**The government wants to hand over the OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE  
and OPERATION of our stretch of the Northeastern corridor of  
Highway 104 to a private for-profit corporation.**

- We are paying 67% more for 38 km of private highway than it would cost to build it publicly. A publicly built highway would get us all the way to the Town of Monastery for the same price. That's another 20 km!
- We don't know how soon after a snowfall the roads have to be cleared, because the contract has not been made public.
- Our hands will be tied for **30 years** to one private snow removal contractor leaving us with no ability to hold them to account.
- Future governments will be stuck with this bad deal!

## highway robbery noun

### *Definition of highway robbery*

- 1: **robbery** committed on or near a public highway usually against travelers.
- 2: excessive profit or advantage derived from a business transaction.

**STAND UP FOR SAFETY!**

**We demand the safest, publicly maintained highways  
for Nova Scotia.**



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**Pictou-Antigonish residents have worked hard to get the government to build a safe twinned Hwy 104 between Sutherland's River and Antigonish.**

**But our government is planning to SELL OFF our safety to the lowest bidder.**

**Other provinces' experience with private snow clearance:**

- Private corporations are more interested in making a profit than clearing snow quickly and safely.
- Private highway winter clearance has been found to take twice as long as winter clearance by public workers.
- Contractors cut corners on salt and de-icing materials making roads icier and more dangerous.
- Private contractors routinely violate the terms of contracts, without consequences.
- The result will be that our stretch of the 104 will be icier and the drive time longer\*.

**No profiting off our family's safety!**

**The only safe twinned highway is a publicly twinned highway.**

\* These facts are from the 2015 Ontario Auditor General Report on Winter Highway Maintenance

**The government says that private highways are a proven success in Nova Scotia...** what they don't tell us is what a waste of money the Cobequid Pass turned out to be.

For the \$66 million brought to the table by private investors to build the Cobequid Pass, we paid tolls and spent \$266 million more than what a public highway would have cost Nova Scotians.

**That's not a success story, that's highway robbery!**

**There is a way to build more kilometres of safe twinned highways: Build them as public highways.**



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