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MEDIA ADVISORY

Nova Scotia Highway Workers' Union to hold 'info picket' at opening of Legislature, Nov. 28

(Halifax) – Province House will be the site of an information picket by the province's highway workers on Thursday afternoon, the day the new session opens.

The Nova Scotia Highway Workers' Union (CUPE Local 1867) will be handing out flyers on the McNeil government's plans to pull the plug on the public paving plant that was purchased less than two years ago.

This is the third such event by Local 1867. Info pickets have been held at Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan's office in Glace Bay, as well as the premier's office in Middleton.

The union is also running large newspaper ads in all of the province's daily newspapers today, detailing the work that was done by the public plant in remote communities that hadn't seen paving work in decades. The print ad can be seen here:
www.1867.cupe.ca.

**(ATTENTION ASSIGNMENT/PHOTO EDITORS: The event will take place on
November 28, at 1:30 pm in front of the legislature.)**

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WARNING: BAD ROADS AHEAD

Nova Scotia's newly-elected government has said it's pulling the plug on a public paving program that was started less than two years ago.

Here's a list of communities that saw paving done, in many cases for the first time in decades, as part of the program during last year's paving season:

Kings County	Guysborough County
1) Wharf Road - 0.62 km 2) King Street - 0.72 km 3) Horton Cross - 0.75 km 4) Old Post Road - 2.0 km 5) Old Trunk 1 - 1.91 km 6) Grand Pro Road - 3.76 km 7) Evangeline Road - 0.70 km 8) Gasporbau River Road - 8.7 km 9) Highbury School Road - 2.4 km 10) Middle Dyke Road - 4.8 km 11) Sherman Belcher - 3.10 km 12) Route 359 - 2.4 km 13) McKitterick Road - 0.9 km 14) Brooklyn Street - 10.25 km 15) Steadman Road - 2.35 km	1) Route 211 - 12.3 km 2) Route 316 - 6.6 km 3) Route 276 - 5.3 km 4) Trunk 7 - 18.2 km
Total - 45.36 km	Total - 49 km



That's a season total of just under 95 kilometres. In the previous year of paving, Victoria, Inverness and Queen's Counties benefitted from badly-neglected roads getting paved.

If we return to the way things were - a total reliance on private contractors to do the work - residents in remote parts of the province may be waiting a whole lot longer to see any more paving done.

A message from The Nova Scotia Highway Workers' Union



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