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Dear Mr. Barnet,

I am pleased to respond to your questionnaire as follows:

**1. Would your party support bringing forward legislative and regulatory changes to modernize the OHV act and better reflect the current conditions and practices including practical changes that allow families to better participate in our sport within the first two years of your mandate?**

Jamie Baillie has an optimistic, pro-growth agenda that focuses on rebuilding our province, creating jobs and getting Nova Scotians back to work. In order to achieve that vision, the Nova Scotia PC Party will take every opportunity to work together on the action plan with groups like the ATV Association. The ATV sport is growing rapidly in our province, providing not only opportunities for recreation and family time, but generating tourism spending and creating jobs. We support efforts to modernize the legislation and regulations that will help us to rebuild Nova Scotia.

**2. Wilderness protected areas are having a greater impact on existing trail use by members and others. What would your party do to reduce or eliminate this impact, including loss of existing riding opportunities for our members in Wilderness Protected Areas?**

Wilderness protected areas serve an important purpose and should not be altered without a comprehensive public consultation process and involvement of all interested stakeholder groups. After all, Nova Scotia is known for its beautiful natural attractions and its pristine shoreline. That reputation is critical to tourism and other businesses that employ thousands of Nova Scotians. More importantly, our environment impacts the daily lives of all Nova Scotians. We appreciate the interest of ATVANS to explore appropriate avenues to increase riding opportunities.

**3. Government recently announced a two-year pilot project to allow use of the shoulder of the road in certain and specific areas. Would your party continue this pilot program and what is your party's position on a permanent program that enable regulated use of the shoulder of the road in certain areas where trail connectivity or access to services are required?**

If elected on May 30th, a Jamie Baillie PC government would be willing to work together with ATVANS to continue the two-year pilot program, as well as explore more options to improve trail connectivity.

The Nova Scotia PC party has announced major investments in infrastructure that might impact this issue. The Rebuild Nova Scotia Fund will grow the economy and create jobs by investing \$2 billion on roads, bridges and other public infrastructure. These important investments will be made while anchoring the province's debt-to-GDP ratio at its current level. The Progressive Conservatives will continue to balance the provincial budget.

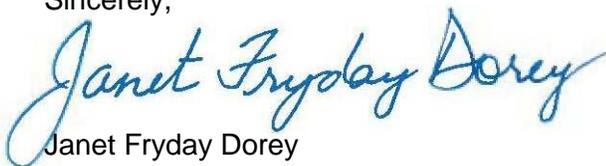
**4. ATVANS is the largest motorized sport organization in Nova Scotia. With over 40 clubs and over 4000 members we continue to grow and develop every year. Our sector contributes over 80% of the funds managed by the OHVIF yet we only have a single voice at the table where decisions are made that impact our clubs and organization. Would your party support a greater role for ATVANS at the decision table based partly on contribution to the fund by sector?**

We appreciate ATVANS and everything they do to promote safe and fun recreation in our province. A Progressive Conservative government will work together with ATVANS and ensure appropriate representation and respect, whether at the vehicle improvement fund table, or any other forum.

**5. ATVANS is the third largest ATV organization in Canada, only behind Québec and New Brunswick. Both of these provinces have mandatory trail permits or membership on managed trails. This has enabled them to not only grow their sport but to also better manage activities. Would your party consider changes to the OHV Act that would provide for mandatory trail permits on managed trails similar to the New Brunswick and Québec model, or models used by another OHV sector in Nova Scotia, within the first two years of your mandate?**

Similar to our answer to question #1, we support efforts to modernize the legislation and regulations that will help us to rebuild Nova Scotia. If the members of the ATV Association wish to review and enhance their governance and funding models, then we will be willing to work together with ATVANS to explore a made-in-Nova Scotia model that best reflects the expectations of those members.

Sincerely,



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