Defining a Space for Mineral Resource and Aggregate Development in Land-use Planning

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Land access is one of the principal challenges companies face in their efforts to explore and develop aggregate and mineral resources in Nova Scotia. What can we do to address this issue?

Most land-based activities are now controlled by provincial and municipal land-use plans and associated by-laws or acts, so opening a dialogue with present and future land-use planners might be the first step in addressing the land access issue. Engaging land-use planners started in the 1980s when the Mineral Resources Branch of DNR employed two land-use planners, David Hopper and Fred Bonner, but they were a few years ahead of the curve in land-use planning in Nova Scotia. In 2011, the appetite for land-use planning is growing in this province so it is now time to retackle this issue. This presentation will illustrate the progress made on this important project by the Geological Services Division in 2011.