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### Collaborative Effort to Protect Nova Scotia's Coastline Supported by NSFM

**Halifax, March 12, 2019** – The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) is once again applauding the Government of Nova Scotia, this time for its work to protect our provincial coastline and our citizens that live near it. The impacts of climate change are already being felt and NSFM, on behalf of its 379 members, are encouraging governments at all levels to work together now to prepare for the future.

NSFM President, Waye Mason, said, “Our members were given the opportunity to share concerns with provincial officials back in the summer. The majority of municipalities border the coastline and are already experiencing the effects of climate change with increased erosion, more frequent flooding and rising sea levels. A coordinated and collaborative approach is needed”.

The legislation is also intended to protect sensitive coastal ecosystems.

Currently, coast line activity is regulated by all three levels of government under multiple pieces of legislation. NSFM is hoping that this newest piece will align or replace existing rules and not create additional regulatory or financial burden for municipalities.

“Government has assured us that they will continue to engage with municipalities on this issue and will consult with us on the regulatory framework”, said Mason.

According to Mason, “Municipalities have seen a few positives in this sitting of the Legislature. Not only are they addressing some of our environmental concerns, they also brought forward important changes to the *Municipal*

Government Act and Halifax Charter under Bill 92 granting municipalities more powers to expend”.

NSFM continues to advocate on behalf of our members for our five annual resolutions: reform of the CAP, Extended Producer Responsibility for consumer packing, new sources for municipal funding, modernization of municipal governance, and a new funding model for roads.

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*About NSFM: The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) has been the collective voice for municipal governments across the province since 1906. With 379 members comprising Mayors, Wardens and councillors, NSFM represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within provincial jurisdiction. Members include all 50 of Nova Scotia's municipalities.*

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