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The Honourable Randy Delorey
Chair, Standing Committee on Law Amendments
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Re: Bill-47

Dear Chair,

On behalf of the Town of Shelburne, I am writing to register our disappointment with the now Bill-47, which amends the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* to now allow municipalities to provide direct financial assistance to businesses for the purpose of improving accessibility for people with disabilities.

While the Town fully supports the Province's goal of an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030 and recognizes accessibility as a human right, Bill 47 imposes a significant financial and administrative burden on Town's and Municipalities which will add to the responsibilities we currently have. By the Province downloading this responsibility onto Towns we are concerned this will generate unfair and unrealistic expectations towards Town's and Municipalities from the private sector and from people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Harold Locke
Mayor, Town of Shelburne

cc: The Honourable Brendan Maguire, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Kim Masland, MLA for Queens-Shelburne
Mayor Amanda MacDougall, Acting President, NSFM