

September 29, 2021

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Re: Request for Input on Interim Resolutions Report

Dear President Lutz:

We write today to provide you with comments of Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) Interim Resolutions Report dated September 8, 2021.

Firstly, it is concerning that NSFM is requesting written feedback on the resolutions and note that they will be reviewed at the annual conference, but not debated. We are confused as to what therefore will happen with all the feedback if they are not allowed to be debated. Is it the position of the NSFM Board, that they will unilaterally decide on behalf of the entire membership without an opportunity for members to discuss (and therefore debate) their support or disapproval for any of the resolutions?

It is the position of our Council that the issue around CAP should be removed from the list of 5 Priority Areas now and not wait until a future review in 2022. We feel the timing with significant COVID sales and the increase in non-resident buyers across Nova Scotia is becoming more alarming every day and discussing the removal of the CAP at this time or in the near future would not be prudent. We all know that CAP was put in place to protect against significant increases in assessments to protect low income households, the removal of such immediately would severely hurt low income people and removing it over 15 years would not



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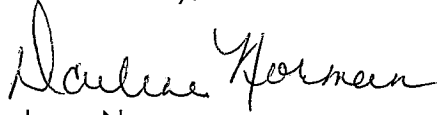
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result in any tax decreases and harm the reputation of NSFM and all municipalities as the yearly increase in revenue over 15 years would be annually taken back from us by increases in education, roads, policing, housing, corrections, et cetera.

We have no position on the other Priority Areas at this time without having the ability to better understand the details and intricacies of each issue and the impact on our communities. Not allowing debate on these issues is unfortunate.

We therefore respectfully ask that CAP be removed from the list of Priority Areas and it be replaced with Housing which is not listed anywhere in the Priority Areas or Statements of Concerns and should be.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Norman".

Darlene Norman
Mayor

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