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Honourable John Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Department of Municipal Affairs & Housing
14th Floor North, Maritime Centre
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Dear Minister Lohr:

Council for the Municipality of East Hants is respectfully requesting that the Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations, made by the previous Liberal government, under Section 214(4) of the Municipal Government Act be either rescinded or at the very least a moratorium be implemented until such time that true, real consultation with rural municipalities can take place.

East Hants Council was never in agreement with this mandate and the Municipality does not feel that adequate consultation with Nova Scotia municipalities was completed. Nova Scotia municipalities have always had the ability to enact land use planning when and where they deemed appropriate. East Hants Council believes that municipalities continue to be the best judge of when and where land use regulations are needed.

I look forward to your attention to this matter. For further details on East Hants Council's concerns or for further information please contact John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development at 902-883-6120.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Roulston
Warden

Cc: Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia
Honourable Brad Johns, MLA for Sackville-Uniacke
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