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Rod Nielsen
Chair - Joint Municipal Fire Service Committee

Via Email: responder.rod@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Nielsen:

Thank you very much for your warm welcome and kind words on my appointment as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. I would like to thank you for your correspondence in November 2021 and I sincerely apologize for the delay in responding to you. This delay is not meant to diminish the importance of the work your committee does, nor is it reflective of the value I hold in the Fire Services across our province.

I appreciate the information that you have provided and the work that you, along with the other members of the committee, are completing on behalf of the fire services in Nova Scotia.

A review of an act with the size, scope, and complexity of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) is a significant undertaking, and Part X is one of the many sections of the MGA that will be examined as part of our analysis. We are currently reviewing the MGA and determining the next steps for consideration. As we move through this process, we will be seeking input from all concerned parties to ensure that the MGA reflects the needs of all Nova Scotians.

Thank you for your offer to assist with our review. I would appreciate if the committee would provide the department with their areas of concern and potential solutions so that DMAH personnel can review as part of their process.

Thank you for your interest in participating in this important project and your continued service in supporting the safety of Nova Scotians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John A. Lohr".

Honourable John A. Lohr
Minister

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