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November 7, 2022

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Geoff Stewart
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Dear Mayor Chisholm-Beaton,

Congratulations on your new role as President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. Although you're no stranger to municipal politics, you're taking the leadership of NSFM at a crucial time for local government nationally.

Municipalities are taking a leadership role in tackling historic challenges from the housing crisis to climate change to infrastructure, and we're building stronger, safer, more resilient, more inclusive communities for our residents now and into the future. As the order of government closest to people's daily lives, local governments understand the issues that matter to Canadians and Nova Scotians—and they have the expertise to deliver results.

Over the past few years, in partnership with Provincial and Territorial Associations (PTAs) like NSFM, FCM has secured unprecedented new tools for municipalities, including critical municipal operating support through the Safe Restart Agreement, and the doubling of the Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly the federal Gas Tax Fund) in 2019 and 2021. The 2022 Federal Budget recognized municipalities as an essential partner in solving our greatest national challenges. But know there is still much work to do on issues like housing, RCMP retroactive costs, disaster mitigation and adaptation, and ensuring a rural lens on federal programs. Together, we need to continue building on our federal-municipal partnership.

FCM's Board of Directors meetings each March, September and November/December are some of many opportunities for FCM and PTAs to work together and discuss national municipal priorities, at our regular meeting of Presidents and Executive Directors. In addition, throughout all the Board and Committee meetings, PTAs are encouraged to share regional perspectives and expertise to strengthen our advocacy on our shared federal-municipal priorities. Our next board meeting in Ottawa is taking place from December 6-8. For all details related to this event, including approaching deadlines for registration, please refer to our [latest email](#).

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I know you must have a lot to do in your first weeks in this new role. FCM staff also already closely work with your Executive Director Juanita Spencer and will follow up soon to schedule an orientation call on your role on the FCM board and how FCM works with PTAs. In the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out to Outreach and Engagement Advisor Mélissa Dubé at mdube@fcm.ca or 343-925-6469 if you have any other questions or matters to discuss.

Again, congratulations, and we hope to see you in Ottawa for our December board meeting and Advocacy Days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Taneen Rudyk".

Taneen Rudyk
FCM President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul McLauchlin".

Paul McLauchlin
President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta
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