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**Subject:** Fwd: A thank you to the Town of Truro  
**Date:** November 24, 2022 3:04:17 PM

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**From:** "Mason, Waye" <Waye.Mason@halifax.ca>  
**Date:** November 24, 2022 at 10:07:00 AST  
**To:** Juanita Spencer <jspencer@nsfm.ca>  
**Subject:** A thank you to the Town of Truro

Dear Juanita,

I am writing today to share my profound thanks to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Truro.

On November 22 the Mayor Mills wrote a letter to Minister Lohr on behalf of Town Council asking the Province of Nova Scotia to repeal Bill 225 and reaffirm the authority of Halifax to make its own decisions under its Charter.

You can read the [letter here](#).

We sincerely appreciate support from our fellow municipal units as we try and restore our collective relationship with the province.

Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns,

Waye

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**WAYE MASON** MBA (he, him,his)  
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**Via Email: [dmamin@novascotia.ca](mailto:dmamin@novascotia.ca)**

Minister John A. Lohr  
Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Dear Minister Lohr:

**Re: Bill 225**

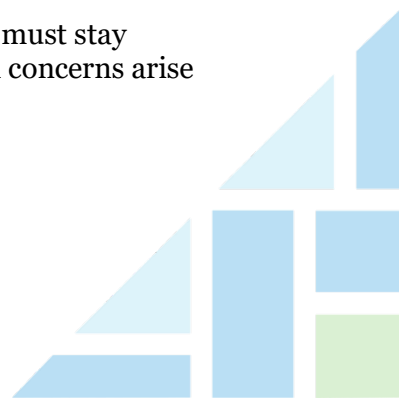
Truro Town Council, along with other municipal governments in Nova Scotia, have major concerns with the province's introduction of Bill 225 that grants the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the authority to override lawfully established by-laws of Halifax Regional Municipality.

Under its Charter, Halifax Council is required to follow a by-law process that allows for public input and open public debate by Council during at least two public meetings before a by-law can be approved. This provides transparency and accountability that is critical to good governance at the municipal level. For the Minister to have the authority to unilaterally quash the Council's authority to establish or amend its own by-laws is paternalistic and contravenes the democratic process that we have all worked to establish and protect.

The Province of Nova Scotia should not have the ability to interfere in municipal government decisions of any kind that follow due process and the Municipal Government Act or the applicable Charter.

Minister Lohr, Truro Town Council asks that this legislation be repealed, and that the province instead, works with, and more importantly, communicates future intentions in advance with the City of Halifax and other municipal units to deal with the housing crisis.

For the good of all our residents, the province and our respective municipalities must stay within their areas of responsibilities using open dialogue and consultation when concerns arise and not undermine the authority of those duly elected to represent them.



Again, we ask that you repeal Bill 225 and reaffirm the authority of the City of Halifax to make its own decisions under its Charter.

Sincerely,

W.R. (Bill) Mills  
Mayor  
Town of Truro

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