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Dear Mayors and Wardens,

**Re: Response to Letter on Service Exchange Committee**

Thank you for your letter regarding the Service Exchange Committee, received on May 30, 2022. We appreciate your attention to the significant opportunity presented by the renegotiation of the Service Exchange Agreement and the review of the Municipal Government Act (MGA). NSFAM continues to engage with the provincial government to capitalize on these opportunities in the interest of all our members.

In responding to this current opportunity, the NSFAM Board of Directors considered ways to balance the need to expedite the selection process, while maintaining transparency with the membership. On November 2, 2021, the Board directed the CEO to strike an advisory committee to engage in the renegotiation and review. The resulting Service Exchange Renegotiation and MGA Review (SERMGAR) Advisory Committee is comprised of municipal leaders representing a broad range of local governments from across the province. Two of the committee members, Mayor Darlene Norman and Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, are located on the South Shore.

Ensuring fair and equitable recognition of all municipal perspectives is included in the Terms of Reference of this Committee. This is also a priority of the NSFAM Board of Directors. To inform its responses to proposals from the Province, the SERMGAR Committee is currently conducting a survey of all NSFAM members. Thanks to those of you who have contributed to this survey, and we invite those who have not yet done so to contribute as well. Your perspective and input matters to us, especially in the context of this significant opportunity.

Sincerely,

Amanda McDougall  
President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

cc. Mayor Cory Nickerson, Town of Lockeport  
Mayor Harold Locke, Town of Shelburne  
Mayor Rex Stoddard, Town of Clark's Harbour  
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