

Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

Halifax, Nova Scotia

January 21 2023

Attention: Board President Mayor Brenda Chisholm Beaton and all members of The Board of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

Dear President Mayor Chisholm Beaton and Board;

RE: Proposal to Dissolve The Town of Antigonish and Reconstruct the Municipality of the County of Antigonish

The Mayor of Antigonish and the Warden of Antigonish are asking the Province by special legislation to dissolve The Town and amalgamate with the Municipality of the County of Antigonish following council votes on October 20, 2022. Please see a news article dated October 15, 2022 attached to this letter for more explanation.

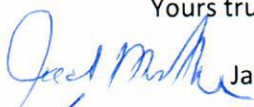
From the outset, both The Mayor and The Warden were reluctant to allow a vote on this issue. It should be noted that consolidation was not an issue in the municipal elections. There is widespread support for a plebiscite on the issue.

In the report by consultants hired by The Town and The County, it is stated " in general there was an underlying lack of confidence in the general process , the municipal leaders and the relationship between The Town and The County."

We believe the Province should follow the existing process set out in The Municipal Government Act .This would allow for the residents of both municipalities to participate in this major decision on how we are governed, through the voting process (plebiscite) under The Act.

Our group would like to meet with you at a date and time and place convenient to you. This process of reducing the number of municipalities in our province in this manner may be coming to each municipality .

Yours truly,

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