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Association of Municipal Administrators Nova Scotia
#1304 1809 Barrington Street
Halifax NS B3J 3K8
Attention: John MacKinnon, President

Dear John,

Re: Office Space

Our two organizations have enjoyed a long and mutually constructive relationship which has benefited the municipal sector within Nova Scotia. Our shared vision to support strong local government is a value our members cherish.

The needs of NSFM are expanding and we do require more office space. It is the understanding of the Board that initial overtures of staff to address our growing needs with AMANS staff have not been successful.

Further to that, the Board has reviewed the contents of the letter regarding use of the office space, dated April 12, 1994, which was provided to our staff by AMANS staff. Our legal counsel has been consulted on the letter and it is the view of the Board that this letter is not binding on either party.

We do, however, recognize and place a high priority on the relationship between our two organizations. We want to work together to ensure our members receive the value they expect. We also understand that the scope of AMANS is expanding as your organization strives to meet the expectations of your membership. We believe that our needs can and should be coordinated.

In this spirit of amicable development, we wish to initiate dialogue on office space. Therefore, we kindly ask that our two organizations immediately initiate discussions to explore an office share arrangement that works for both of us in the short and long term, one that shares costs more equitably and one that may include new or expanded office space.

We look forward to your response on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Brenda Chisholm-B

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cc: Juanita Spencer, Chief Executive Officer