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Department of Finance and Treasury Board
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Delivered via email

Dear Minister MacMaster,

RE: Congratulations on your expanded cabinet portfolio

The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) would like to extend our congratulations on the recent addition of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage to your cabinet portfolio.

Culture, tourism, and heritage are important economic drivers for many Nova Scotian Communities and our members have previously worked with the province on interrelated issues such as Covid-19 recovery efforts and short-term rentals.

In addition, the funding opportunities provided by your department have played an important role in facilitating initiatives for both NSFM and our members. Recently, as part of the Connect2 program, we facilitated a day-long event in Antigonish called Main Streets Ideas Exchange. Planners, residents, municipal leaders, and provincial staff came together to share how they are enhancing main streets to promote health, social connection, and the local economy.

Our annual Fall Conference is an opportunity for elected officials and other local government stakeholders to discuss issues like active transportation, accessible recreation and creating inclusive communities. We invite both you and staff in your department to consider attending.

Finally, we welcome future engagement with the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage in areas of shared priorities.

Once again, congratulations on your expanded portfolio and I look forward to connecting.

Sincerely,

Brenda Chisholm-B

Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities