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Honourable Trevor Boudreau
Minister of Community Services
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Delivered via email

Dear Minister Boudreau,

RE: Congratulations on your cabinet appointment

The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) would like to extend our congratulations on your recent appointment to cabinet. The Department of Community Services provides critical services to support some of the most vulnerable Nova Scotians.

Local governments are on the front lines of combating poverty including working with the province to shelter people experiencing homelessness. NSFM acknowledges that collaboration across departments and stakeholders is needed to address these complex social problems.

We also share the department's goal of creating opportunities for under-represented groups to participate in various facets of the community. Most recently we worked with the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women to host Campaign School materials translated into French on their website. These materials were reviewed in online workshops with local elected officials who volunteered their time to promote the participation of French-speaking women in municipal government.

Our annual Fall Conference is an opportunity for elected officials and other local government stakeholders to discuss pressing issues facing our residents including access to housing 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 Community Services in areas of shared priority.

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

Sincerely,

Brenda Chisholm-B

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