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Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities  
1809 Barrington St, Suite 1304  
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**Via Email:** [communications@nsfm.ca](mailto:communications@nsfm.ca)

Dear Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities:

**Re: Response to Letter - Questions Surrounding Foundational Changes to Policing**

Thank you for your letter that was provided during a meeting on January 20, 2026, between the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) and the Department of Justice. I appreciate the continued engagement from NSFM since the release of the Comprehensive Nova Scotia Policing Review. I agree that continued dialogue will be important as we work together to improve public safety and modernize policing.

The letter contained thoughtful questions surrounding the results of the Comprehensive Nova Scotia Policing Review and the associated foundational changes. Due to the complexity of some of the questions, I have asked Hayley Crichton, Executive Director of Public Safety and Security Division, to schedule a meeting to allow for a meaningful discussion. Additionally, to ensure that all parties have the opportunity to be heard and receive the same information, I have asked that she extend an invitation to representatives from all municipalities.

Department of Justice staff have been working hard to develop implementation plans and timelines for the foundational changes. Although there has already been significant engagement with municipalities, police and other stakeholders, we are still in the initial stages of the process and there are many details that are still unknown. It is important that we take the time to do the necessary research and consultations to ensure that all changes are implemented in a manner that best meets the needs of Nova Scotians and improves public safety.

I appreciate your continued engagement and know that we can work together to achieve our shared goal of improving public safety and modernizing policing services across Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Honourable Scott Armstrong  
Attorney General and Minister of Justice