



December 12, 2025

Honourable John A. MacDonald
Minister of Municipal Affairs
Department of Municipal Affairs
PO Box #216
Halifax NS B3J 2M4

RE: Total Revenue per Capita Letter
Delivered via email

Dear Minister MacDonald,

I am writing on behalf of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, concerning the letter issued to Mayors, Wardens, and Chiefs, dated November 24, 2025.

The letter has raised several questions from our Board of Directors and from members, as the purpose and intent of the correspondence is unclear to us. We also have concerns around the lack of context provided with the data, which leaves readers to potentially draw inaccurate conclusions.

NSFM understands the challenging financial position of the Province. We anticipate engaging in tough discussions with you, your staff, and other members of government as government looks to address a \$1.2 billion deficit. We agree this requires that we are all working with the same, comparable information.

NSFM is requesting clarity of intent, as well as a more detailed analysis of data, so that we can effectively work with you and the Province on its objectives for Nova Scotia.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

David Mitchell
President
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities