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Lois Landry
Warden
Municipality of the County of Richmond
Via Email: Lois.Landry@richmondcounty.ca

Dear Warden Landry:

Thank you for your letter regarding your Council's concerns about recent changes to the *Code of Conduct for Municipal Elected Officials Regulations* (Code of Conduct).

The Department of Municipal Affairs is actively working with the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) to determine the best path forward with respect to the Code of Conduct.

The recent amendments were introduced in response to concerns raised by municipalities regarding the complaint and investigator process. Originally, the framework did not include safeguards to prevent frivolous or vexatious complaints from being investigated at significant cost to municipalities. Addressing these gaps is essential before the public can once again submit complaints.

The Department looks forward to working with NSFM and our municipal partners to improve the Code of Conduct for all Nova Scotians.

Thank you for sharing the Municipality's concerns regarding this important matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. MacDonald".

John A. MacDonald
Minister of Municipal Affairs

c: Juanita Spencer, CEO, NSFM

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