



November 26, 2020

The Honourable Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Minister Porter:

I, along with all members of Bridgewater Town Council, read yesterday's news of protections for renters being ordered under the *Emergency Management Act*, and especially the creation of the Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Commission with great interest. These issues must be addressed for the good of all people in the province of Nova Scotia.

Our Council has expressed concern with respect to affordable housing options in our Town and province, so the establishment of the Commission is welcomed. Considering the varied situations throughout the province, Council for the Town of Bridgewater respectfully requests that you consider appointing a representative from each of the NSFM Regions to the Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Commission. This would ensure the voice of municipal units are considered for advocacy with respect to local and regional matters.

Congratulations on moving forward with this significant endeavor to assist our common constituents who have been marginalized for far too long. Town Council looks forward to seeing progress and adding local input to this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Mitchell".

David Mitchell
Mayor

c: Pam Mood, President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
The Honourable Mark Furey, MLA, Lunenburg-West