

Dear Ms. Spencer,

**RE: SUPPORT IN SENDING 12-MONTH NOTICE LETTER TO MUNICIPALITIES**

As per S.519(1) in the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) the Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs is required by legislation to send the 12-month notice letter to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM).

Following recent discussions with the NSFM, the Department of Municipal Affairs has agreed, on a go forward basis, to support the NSFM in distributing the 12-month notice letter, by way of email to all municipalities individually or on the AMA municipal listserv.

The Department will continue to meet the legislative requirements as set out in S.519(1) in the MGA. If the NSFM would like to see an amendment to S.519, a formal request for legislation change will need to be submitted for consideration.

The Department looks forward to continuing to find ways to collaborate with the NSFM in order to further support municipalities.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Minister

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