

## **Nova Scotia Open Data Council Memorandum of Understanding**

**Pursuant to:** the establishment of the Nova Scotia Open Data Council

**Dated:** September 1, 2016

**Between:**

The Province of Nova Scotia, the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM), Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), and Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC)

**Background:**

Open Data has the potential to provide tremendous value in the support and enablement of: transparency and accountability, economic development, and research and innovation across all businesses, research organizations, academia and government sectors. As a concept, Open Data is in its infancy in the province of Nova Scotia. For this concept to continue to develop and grow it will need much support and leadership.

**Proposition:**

To establish a council that will advance open data in Nova Scotia by:

- Identifying opportunities for collaboration and consultation on this topic across levels of government and sectors;
- Educating, communicating, and providing research on best practices in open data; and
- Providing strategic advice on topics relating to the enablement and utilization of open data.

**Operational Protocol:**

The Nova Scotia Open Data Council will operate under the terms of reference as defined in Appendix I.

**Certification:**

In mutual agreement the following parties representing their respective organizations endorse the creation of the Nova Scotia Open Data Council.

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Minister of Internal Services, Province of Nova Scotia

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