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Deputy Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Province of Nova Scotia
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Dear Ms. MacLellan:

RE: MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE DATES

I am writing on behalf of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) with regards the Provincial/Municipal Roundtable meetings. NSFM is grateful for our partnership with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing and we appreciate past opportunities to participate in the roundtables to share issues of municipal concern.

Unfortunately, however, the early 2019 meeting did not take place and a date for the fall meeting has yet to be set. While the first half of the year was a busy time for both of our organizations, this nearly year-long gap in roundtable activity is not in keeping with the terms of reference of our partnership.

We acknowledge that a meeting date was offered for June 26th, but many on the NSFM Executive had prior commitments. Given the proximity to the summer months, there was no flexibility to reschedule. NSFM did agree to postponing the roundtable until early fall with the expectation that going forward, twice yearly meetings in early September and January would be scheduled at least six months in advance.

We at NSFM look forward confirming the fall 2019 meeting as soon as possible and to re-establishing our partnership in full. We are eager to demonstrate our commitment to engaging with you on our shared priorities, and in improving our collective understanding of the issues faced by Nova Scotia's municipalities.

Kind regards,

{Original signed by}

Juanita Spencer
CEO, NSFM