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Councillor Wayne Mason, President
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
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Dear Councillor Mason:

Thank you for your letter dated May 1, 2019, regarding the Public Transit stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). We have been working diligently to deliver this program in an efficient manner that focuses on provincial and municipal priorities. As such, we have recently had a successful call for applications under the Green – Environmental Quality stream of ICIP and are working through the approval stages with the Federal Government.

While I understand there is interest in exploring additional flexibilities for the transit stream, currently we are bound to the funding parameters contained within the Agreement which dictates and identifies only four (4) eligible recipients in Nova Scotia: Halifax Transit, Transit Cape Breton, Kings Transit and Yarmouth. However, we continue to have conversations with Infrastructure Canada (INFC) regarding the transit stream of ICIP and the possibility of flexibility.

Additionally, staff have also been collaborating with Halifax Regional Municipality on the transit stream in order to present mutually beneficial options forward to INFC. Our discussions have been very positive, and we are hopeful this will lead to some agreeable changes to the ICIP Agreement and keep the conversation open for future considerations.

We look forward to continued discussions with the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities as we roll out this multi year infrastructure program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chuck Porter".

Chuck Porter
Minister