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Pam Mood  
President – NSFM  
VIA EMAIL: c/o [communications@nsfm.ca](mailto:communications@nsfm.ca)

Dear President Mood:

Thank you for your letter dated July 23, 2020, regarding Municipal Sustainability. I recognize that COVID-19 has impacted many of these discussions and appreciate you reaching out to re-engage on these important issues.

With respect to the Capped Assessment Program and the information for the all-party committee, in my letter of May 1, 2020, I outlined the information my Department could provide. I hope that the information provided informs the discussions and recommendations for the all-party committee.

NSFM's priorities capture the important issues municipal governments are facing and there is a lot of impactful work being completed. In your letter you noted the report and recommendations being completed from the current roads committee. I know my Department is looking forward to this report once finalized and I appreciate all the work currently being completed by its volunteers. I want to acknowledge that we were not able to update the Partnership Framework in the early Spring due to unforeseen circumstances and I look forward to additional discussion regarding reviewing and updating the Partnership Framework with you.

I appreciate you raising these issues with me as communication between the NSFM and DMAH is essential. In the past our Department has worked with NSFM to schedule Roundtables with Ministers on important issues that impact your members. I will explore the possibility of establishing a Roundtable with my colleagues to discuss the issues impacting municipal government in the Fall.

I look forward to continuing the valued partnership between our organizations and know that in this collaborative effort we can truly make a difference in our local communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Porter".

Chuck Porter  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing