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Amanda McDougall
Mayor – Cape Breton Regional Municipality
VIA EMAIL: ammcdougall@cbrm.ns.ca

Dear Mayor McDougall:

Thank you for your email on January 18, 2021, regarding the NSFAM being a part of the Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Commission.

Municipalities play an important role in addressing the complex affordable housing challenge that the Commission will be examining, and I will ensure that NSFAM is actively engaged and its views are incorporated into this important work.

As you are likely aware, my department launched a website for our stakeholder engagement process on January 25th, that can be found at www.nsaffordablehousingcommission.ca to help gather public input. We are also planning to host a focus group with municipalities to discuss specific issues that matter to municipalities and will be inviting the NSFAM and AMANS to join and provide integral feedback. In addition, municipal representation will be encouraged at our upcoming virtual regional stakeholder sessions. This will ensure that we capture opportunities wherein we can work together.

With a vast pool of talent and expertise to choose from, it was very difficult to select and appoint just a few individuals to the commission. Although we did not select the NSFAM, we certainly acknowledge their important contribution and will rely on their insights as we move forward.

Municipalities are a key partner in helping meet the housing needs of Nova Scotians and we are committed to actively engaging with you and your colleagues across the province to ensure a diverse set of views and ideas are shared throughout the commission's engagement process.

Sincerely,

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

Chuck Porter
Minister
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