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RE: Letter from Honourable John Lohr (February 11)

Hello Elected Municipal Officials,

With regard to the letter received by Mayors and Wardens from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated February 11 (a copy is enclosed for your reference), we recognize that this letter raises important questions and want to let you know that we are actively seeking clarity on these matters. Our goal is to provide you with the insights needed to make informed decisions on these complex issues.

NSFM is aware that there are possible impacts on each municipality, and on you as elected officials, and that more information is needed before you can respond to the request put forth. Know that we are working with the Province to gather that information. Specifically, we are focused on the call for greater resource development within Nova Scotia and the reduction of inter-provincial trade barriers and what this means. We know both are important as we move forward as a province. With regard to the resource development, it is imperative we are clear on the ask and that the Province is aware of limitations, for example, on protection of our watersheds and other water sources, so that we can all move forward together in the best way.

We remain committed to supporting all Nova Scotia municipalities. Through collaboration and open communication, we can leverage our collective strength to navigate these challenges in a way that benefits our communities and benefits the province as a whole. A win-win.

We will reach out as we have further information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at info@nsfm.ca. Hoping this helps!

Sincerely,

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