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VIA EMAIL: DSnair@westhants.ca

Abraham Zebian
Mayor, West Hants Regional Municipality
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Dear Mayor Zebian:

I want to follow-up regarding your earlier correspondence with respect to the purchase of homes in the Municipality of West Hants that have been affected by repeated overland water flooding and sewer back-up during extreme weather events.

I am pleased to learn your municipality has undertaken the drafting of a potential residential buyout policy. Extreme weather events have been occurring with alarming frequency and flooding is unfortunately one of the impacts frequently seen. The province is looking closely at challenges raised by flooding and advancing work in several areas such as land use planning, flood mapping and emergency planning. I understand that you are seeking to identify funding sources from the Federal or Provincial governments that could assist with costs associated with the potential residential buyout policy you are currently drafting. With respect to the Department of Emergency Management, my staff are currently working with the Federal government on the development of new provincial disaster financial assistance guidelines. Developing new guidelines is an intensive process that includes continued FPT discussions with both the federal government and liaison with other jurisdictions to better understand interpretation and application of the guidelines.

Thank you and the Council membership for your efforts seeking solutions to the challenges of climate change. I look forward to hearing an update when your draft policy is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kim Masland'.

Honourable Kim Masland
Minister, Emergency Management