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Via Email: info@nsfm.ca

Dear Pam Mood:

I am writing to thank you for the letter from former President Bolivar-Getson to Minister Adams dated October 18, 2024, which shared concerns of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities regarding potential legislative changes to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPOP Act) and *Municipal Government Act*.

I am pleased to know your organization has also shared its concerns with the FOIPOP Act Review Working Group which has been tasked with considering legislative changes recommended by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner as part of the review process. I appreciate the concerns your organization has raised about impacts of some of these potential changes on municipalities in terms of time, costs, and ability to serve the public. Engagement with municipalities and villages is a key component of the engagement process.

The Working Group is analyzing all feedback received and will be developing options and recommendations for consideration by government. Potential impacts of possible changes on both users of the legislation and the public bodies having obligations under it will be carefully weighed as part of that decision-making process.

Thank you for communicating your concerns to the Department of Justice, as well as to the Working Group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Becky Druhan'.

Becky Druhan
Minister of Justice and Attorney General

cc: Hon. John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Byron Rafuse, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs