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Talal Dakalbab

Assistant Deputy Minister of Community Safety and Countering Crime  
Department of Public Safety  
House of Commons Ottawa,  
ON K1A 0A6

Delivered via email

Dear Mr. Dakalbab,

**Re: Consultation on Contract Policing in Nova Scotia**

I write you today in the interest of including Nova Scotia's municipalities in Public Safety Canada's ongoing consultation on contract policing. We understand that consultation sessions have been held in other parts of the country and the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) is eager to learn when such sessions will take place in Nova Scotia.

We have met with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice to discuss joint PPSA and MPSA consultations and have been directed to arrange MPSA sessions with Public Safety Canada directly. Therefore, I am writing you today to learn how our member municipalities can be directly involved in this process.

Nova Scotia has 35 municipal PPSA partners and 4 municipalities with MPSA's. All municipalities in Nova Scotia are members of NSFM. Each of them has a valuable perspective on what is working well and how contract policing can be improved. NSFM believes that these perspectives should be included in the current consultation on contract policing.

At your earliest convenience, please inform me of how Nova Scotia municipalities will be involved in the consultation on contract policing.

Additionally, please confirm that June 20<sup>th</sup> remains the deadline for written submissions to this consultation.

Kind regards,

*Juanita Spencer*  
CEO, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities