

June 16, 2020

Dear Mayor/Warden:

Government is preparing to proclaim amendments made to the *Heritage Property Act (Act)* passed in 2015 following consultation. Since then, our staff have been working on the regulations for the Heritage Conservation Districts and the creation of the regulations for Cultural Landscapes.

I am writing to seek feedback from your municipality on two items that may better support registered municipal heritage properties and areas being considered for a municipal heritage conservation district or cultural landscapes under the *Act*. As explained in the attached overview, the items identified include:

1) Removal of Section 18 of the *Act*, *Consideration by municipality of application to alter or demolish*:

This section allows a registered municipal heritage property owner to complete an alteration or demolition which may be contrary to a decision of a municipal council provided that a three-year waiting period has passed since the formal application was made.

2) New provision proposed to provide authority to the municipality to put in place a pause for a period of time for specific types of development, site specific, while a conservation plan and conservation by-law documents are being prepared for a proposed heritage conservation district or cultural landscape. The municipality would be provided the authority to put the provision in place for up to one year.

We would appreciate receiving input on these proposed targeted amendments by September 30, 2020. Please forward all input to Ms. Mary-Louise Hartigan at 902-424-5647 or email to mary.hartigan@novascotia.ca

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Meanwhile, should you or your municipal staff have any questions regarding these two items, please contact Mr. Kevin Barrett, Coordinator, Heritage Property Program, directly at 902-424-6396 or kevin.barrett@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,

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Craig Beaton, Executive Director
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cc: Ms. Pam Mood, President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
Ms. Juanita Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
Ms. Kathleen Trott, Executive Director, Policy and Corporate Services
Mr. Gordon Smith, Provincial Director of Planning
Mr. Kevin Barrett, Coordinator, Heritage Property Program

Attachment (1)