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# MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS

## ***MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA***

10:00 a.m. – Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Via Zoom Teleconference

10:00  
a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**
3. **APPROVAL of the AGENDA (Order of the Day)**
4. **ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MINUTES**
  - 4.1 THAT the minutes of the Regular Session of Council held December 14, 2021, be approved as circulated.
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
  - 5.1 **A1 Dog Bylaw** (from December 14, 2021)  
THAT municipal council give Final Reading to amend A1 Dog Bylaw by increasing minimum fines, in accordance with First Reading given at December 14, 2021 regular council session.
6. **COUNCILLOR COMMENTS**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.
8. **COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**
  - Committee of the Whole (December 14, 2021)*
    - 8.1 **AM-2.2.1 Interim Staff Appointments Policy Repeal**  
THAT municipal council repeal AM-2.2.1 Interim Staff Appointments Policy, in pursuant to seven-day notice given at December 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole.
    - 8.2 **AM-1.4.2.1 Fire Response Services Policy Amend**  
THAT municipal council amend AM-1.4.2.1 Fire Response Services Policy to read Fire and Emergency Services Policy with amendments as reviewed in accordance with seven-day notice given at December 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole.
  - Committee of the Whole (January 11, 2022)*
    - 8.3 **East End Area MPS LUB Review**  
THAT municipal council commence a review of the Annapolis County East End Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw and adopt a public participation program that would refer the review applications to the East End Area Advisory Committee and the Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation along with applicable public meetings and advertisements, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole



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### **8.4 Cornwallis Park MPS LUB Review**

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### **8.5 TBR Renewal Annapolis County Water Line Addition Hillside \$105,407**

THAT municipal council authorize the period of borrowing in the amount not exceeding One Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Dollars (\$102,556) be extended for a further period not exceeding Twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Temporary Borrowing Resolution Annapolis County Water Line Addition Hillside, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

### **8.6 TBR Renewal Municipal Land and Buildings \$7,200,000**

THAT municipal council authorize the period of borrowing in the amount not exceeding Seven Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,200,000) be extended for a further period not exceeding Twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Temporary Borrowing Resolution Municipal Land and Buildings, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

### **8.7 AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy Amend**

THAT municipal council amend AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy by increasing the exemption amount to \$350 and increasing the allowable income amount to \$27,000, in accordance with seven-day notice given at January 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole.

### **8.8 Community Grants Program Current Applications**

THAT municipal council approve the allocation of grants from the 2021-22 Community Grants Program, in accordance with AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy for a total of \$9,200 as follows:

- \$1,200 Granville Centre Community Hall Association; and
- \$8,000 Lawrencetown Exhibition Youth Arena;

subject to a review of the HST, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1** 2021-12-15 Annapolis Community Health Board

**9.2** 2021-12-22 Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services

## **10. IN-CAMERA**

THAT Municipal Council meet in-camera in accordance with Sections 22(2)(e) contract negotiations and (f) litigation or potential litigation of the *Municipal Government Act*.



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**11.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

THAT Municipal Council adjourn its session until the next regular meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, February 15, 2022.**

## **2021-12-14 Municipal Council Summary of Motions**

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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 2:31 p.m., following Committee of the Whole, at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS, in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency (*see attached*).

### **Roll Call**

District 1 – Bruce Prout, present  
District 2 - Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present  
District 3 – Alan Parish, present  
District 4 – Clyde Barteaux, present  
District 5 – Lynn Longmire, present  
District 6 – Alex Morrison, present  
District 7 – David Hudson, present  
District 8 – Michael Gunn, present via Zoom  
District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present  
District 10 – Brad Redden, present  
District 11 – Diane LeBlanc, present

**Also Present:** CAO David Dick; Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young; other staff including D. Campbell and A. Dunphy, one member of the public.

### **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

### **Agenda Approval**

Councillor Hudson moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Minutes**

#### **MOTION 211214.01 Minutes 2021-11-17 Municipal Council**

It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that the minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on November 17, 2021, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

### **Councillor Comments**

*District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)*

Since our last regular Council Meeting I attended the November monthly meeting of TCTS, the December meeting of the Wilmot and Area Neighbourhood Watch and the Bridgetown Special Meeting. In addition I have been in touch with a number of constituents by phone and by email.

With the fast- approaching Holiday Season I would like to encourage everyone to continue to support all of our local businesses and crafts people and, if possible, to support our many service clubs and organizations who work year round to assist those in need.

With our recent COVID-19 numbers in mind I encourage everyone to follow the regulations and to do their best to have a safe holiday. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

*District 2* – Councillor Connell noted a quiet month. He is still getting calls on internet because the residents are not getting called back about hook up. Went to meetings in his district – figuring out how to open up a hall was frustrating. Attended the meeting in Bridgetown and enjoyed hearing what the residents would like for their area. Have a safe holiday and enjoy the season.

*District 3* – Warden Parish reported he and his wife attended the craft show at the Bridgetown Legion – he was amazed at the quality of the exhibits. It was nice to see people out and about and having it take place. Wished all the best of the season.

*District 4* – Councillor Barteaux (*as submitted*)

I have been received many calls and other correspondence from constituents and have responded to all including (Upper Clements Park Issues, Internet issues and Other Issues). Also some other activities were: I attended by phone the Law Courts proceeding in Halifax for the Illegal land transfers as an observer; I attended the Valley REN STAR presentation at the Kings Theatre; I attended as a member of the Economic Development Committee a productive meeting where we had outside presenters in attendance; I participated in an organized Session on Good Governance; and I attended a Bridgetown Community Meeting to hear firsthand comments on several issues. I would like to also extend to everyone Holiday Seasons Greetings with a wish that all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

*District 5* – Councillor Longmire has enjoyed seeing the sprinkling of Christmas spirit come alive as we prepare for it in our communities. Events and markets have been well attended. COVID keeps us mindful and she hopes we are facing improvements. She encouraged all to recognize diversity in our communities and to help those in need. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the district and all county. Continue to commit to do your part regarding COVID. Citizens have been looking for updates on internet and decisions on former Upper Clements lands. She attended several meetings and training over the past month. When reflecting on the past year, be mindful of important role and etiquette we hold as a council as we move forward with work.. We remember, we will always remember, the tragic sinking of the Chief William Saulis at this time last year. Have a joyous season and safe travels.

*District 6* – Councillor Morrison

Friday at 630 p.m. will be the annual tree lighting – he acknowledged the support of Acadian Seaplants for this event. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

*District 7* – Councillor Hudson noted the Bridgetown meeting, attendees thought it was very successful and he received many comments after the meeting. Good news – the repaving of South Street started yesterday! The work was 50% completed by end of day and appears the work may be completed this week. They started paving from the bridge, and less than an hour later there was a water main break. They had to dig up fresh pavement to address it. Gather with your family, wished all a happy and safe holiday.

*District 8* – Deputy Warden Gunn

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday, and hopes that all enjoy success with sales, fundraisers, suppers, etc. Kejimkujik is hosting online sessions, also running virtual workshops on camping and cooking. The Park itself is great for hiking and biking. He wished all the very best, hopes that all can spend with people who matter most.

*District 9* – Councillor Sheridan congratulated staff on the long service recognitions. The Nictaux Lions club sent their thanks for the grant that helped with a new roof. Last night, she attended a Christmas dinner to recognize volunteers in the community. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*District 10* – Councillor Redden wished all a Happy Solstice and will rejoice in the return of the sun!

*District 11* – Councillor LeBlanc reported meetings and trainings attended. A season of ups and downs, right now a downward movement with COVID. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hopefully the New Year will bring good news. To residents, councillors, and staff, enjoy calm (or feisty) festive holidays.

## **New Business**

### **Re: Long Service Recognitions**

The CAO noted the following recognitions and presented letters to each:

*10 Years of Service* – Nicole Kearnes, Stephen McInnis and David Hopkins. He also presented Nicole with her Certificate in Local Government Administration from Dalhousie University.

*20 Years of Service* – Debbie Freeman and Brian Kaulbach

*25 Years of Service* - Carolyn Young

*30 Years of Service* – Linda Bent

*40 Years of Service* - Cheryl Mackintosh

*Retirements* – Stephen McInnis and Debbie Freeman both retired in 2021 – Steve in March and Debbie in December.

## **Reports and Recommendations**

### **Re: Committee of the Whole (2021-12-14)**

- ***Interim Inter-Municipal Service Agreement Shared Service Pilot Project***

**MOTION 211214.02 Interim Inter-Municipal Service Agreement Shared Service Pilot Project**

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Connell, that municipal council authorize the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Interim Inter-Municipal Service agreement Shared Service Pilot Project document as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Lawrencetown Youth Arena Request Letter of Support/Acknowledgement***

**MOTION 211214.03 Lawrencetown Youth Arena Letter of Support/Acknowledgement**

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Redden, that municipal council provide a letter of awareness/acknowledgement to the Lawrencetown Youth Arena to include with their Rink Revitalization Program funding application. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Community Grants Program – Current Applications***

**MOTION 211214.04 Community Grants Program (Clarence Community Club, West Dalhousie Community Hall Association, Brickton Community Hall Society)**

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council approve the allocation of grants totaling \$3,971.60, in accordance with *AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy* as follows:

\$2,000 Clarence Community Club;



\$887.62 West Dalhousie Community Hall Association; and  
\$1,083.09 Brickton Community Hall Society.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Hudson declared an interest in the following matter as he belongs to the Association. *He left the room at 2:55 p.m.* and did not participate in any discussion or consequent motion.

- ***Max Young Reserve Withdrawal***

**MOTION 211214.05 Max Young Reserve Withdrawal**

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, that municipal council approve a withdrawal from the Max Young Reserve Fund to pay recent maintenance work at the Bridgetown Memorial Arena in the amount of \$3,342.12. Motion carried unanimously.

*Councillor Hudson returned to the room at 2:56 p.m.*

- ***Water Meter Reader Upgrade***

**MOTION 211214.06 Water Meter Reader Upgrade**

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Gunn, that municipal council approve an expenditure of \$34,000 to replace the existing meter reading hardware, with 50% to come from the Bridgetown Water Reserve and 50% to come from the County Water Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***A1-Dog Bylaw – First Reading to Amend***

**MOTION 211214.07 A1 Dog Bylaw – First Reading to Amend**

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Prout, that municipal council give first reading to amend A1 Dog Bylaw by increasing minimum fines. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Heritage Alterations – St. Andrews Church***

**MOTION 211214.08 St. Andrews Church, a Municipally-Registered Heritage Property, Request for Substantial Alteration Refer to Heritage Advisory Committee**

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Longmire, that municipal council refer the substantial alteration application for the replacement of exterior windows for St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 579 Main Street, Lawrencetown, to the Heritage Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Discharge Development Agreements Bridgetown***

**MOTION 211214.09 Discharge Development Agreements, 54 and 58 Church Street, Bridgetown (PIDs 05149760 and 05149778)**

It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Hudson, that municipal council discharge the Development Agreements dated September 18, 1989 for 54 and 58 Church Street, Bridgetown, PID 05149760 and PID 05149778. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Settlement of Claim YMCA Lunenburg

**MOTION 211214.10 Settlement of Claim – YMCA Lunenburg**

Councillor LeBlanc moved, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that municipal council approve a payment of \$65,000 in settlement of all claims with the YMCA Lunenburg. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

Re: 2021-11-18 Town Annapolis Royal – seeking support for a pilot project for a small scale community tidal power project.

**MOTION 211214.11 Town of Annapolis Royal Request for Support – Refer to Staff**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Redden, to refer this request to Staff to bring back a report. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: 2021-11-26 Region of Queens Municipality 2021-11-26 – in response to council’s November 27<sup>th</sup> letter to Minister Lohr regarding the Housing Crisis in Nova Scotia Municipalities. Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: 2021-11-30 Municipal Affairs and Housing – noting work is commencing on municipal and village code of conduct regulations. It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

**In-Camera**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Gunn, seconded by Councillor Redden, to meet in-camera from 3:06 p.m. until 3:18 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(c) personnel matters of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Councillors LeBlanc and Barteaux, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**Warden**

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**Municipal Clerk**

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**Direction of the Minister**  
**under a Declared State of Emergency**  
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)  
20-008

Under my authority in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, I order that this Direction (20-008) repeal and replace the Direction regarding municipal meetings issued on March 22, 2020.

During the Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, in addition to any other directives I have issued and not repealed or otherwise terminated, I direct that all municipalities and villages in the Province:

1. **Effective at 8am on July 29, 2020**, may hold meetings exclusively in person if all the following conditions are met:

i) the total number of persons present does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order;

ii) all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

2. If the conditions set out in (1) cannot be met, the municipality or village must not hold meetings exclusively in person and must instead hold the meeting partly or wholly as a virtual meeting by video or telephone, and ensure that all of the following conditions are met:

i) the total number of persons present for any in person portion of the meeting does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order; and

ii) for any in person portion of the meeting, all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

For clarity, this direction does not apply to statutorily required meetings of electors for a village commission which are covered under Direction 20-007 issued on May 20, 2020.

Despite this direction, municipalities and villages are still authorized to continue making other operational decisions especially those required for service delivery.

Please note that these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*.

**A failure to comply with this direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.**

This direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated July 29, 2020.

**Original signed by**

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Hon. Chuck Porter  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

**Recommendation from 2021-12-14 Committee of the Whole  
to  
2022-01-18 Municipal Council**

- ***AM-2.2.1 Interim Staff Appointments Policy Repeal***

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- ***AM-1.4.2.1 Fire Response Services Policy Amend***

THAT municipal council amend AM-1.4.2.1 Fire Response Services Policy to read Fire and Emergency Services Policy with amendments as reviewed in accordance with seven-day notice given at December 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole.

**Recommendations from 2022-01-11 COTW  
to  
2022-01-18 Municipal Council**

***i. East End Area MPS LUB Review***

THAT municipal council commence a review of the Annapolis County East End Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw and adopt a public participation program that would refer the review applications to the East End Area Advisory Committee and the Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation along with applicable public meetings and advertisements, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole

***ii. Cornwallis Park MPS LUB Review***

THAT municipal council commence a review of the Cornwallis Park Municipal Planning strategy and Land Use Bylaw and adopt a public participation program that would refer the review applications to the Cornwallis Park Area Advisory Committee and the Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation along with applicable public meetings and advertisements, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.

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***iv. TBR Renewal Municipal Land and Buildings \$7,200,000***

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***v. AM-1.4.14 Low Income Tax Exemption Policy Amend***

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***vi. Community Grants Program Current Applications***

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- \$8,000 Lawrencetown Exhibition Youth Arena;

Subject to a review of the HST, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole.



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15 December, 2021

To the County of Annapolis:

The Annapolis Community Health Board (CHB) is an official endorser of the national Coalition for Healthy School Food, and **we are writing today to invite you to join us in calling for a universal healthy school food program.**

The Annapolis CHB is a provincially-legislated volunteer advisory group that works to improve health & wellness where we live, work, play and learn. We engage our local community in addressing factors that affect health & wellness including income, food security, housing, and sense of belonging, among others. The Community Health Board advocates for actions to promote and improve health & wellness based on what our community says is most important. We spoke with Annapolis County residents in the development of our Community Health Plan, where food security was identified as one of four priority areas that impact the health of our communities.

All students need access to good food to fuel their minds and bodies, but many students come to school without food for many reasons - long commutes, early morning practices, not being hungry when they wake up, busy family routines, and household food insecurity. Grassroots organizations, charities, and provincial and territorial funding enable one in five children in Canada to access a school food program - **YET Canada is the only G7 country without a national school food program.**

A universal, cost-shared healthy school food program is imperative to help the following issues:

- **Help kids reach their full potential in the classroom and in life.**  
Nova Scotia research has identified a strong association between diet and academic performance. Without proper nutrition, children and youth's learning and skill development is significantly impaired.
- **Curb rising rates of chronic disease.**  
1 of every 3 Nova Scotians are not getting enough vegetables and fruits, dramatically increasing their risk of developing chronic life-changing diseases, such as diabetes and heart diseases.

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- **Support the local economy and environment.**

Our food choices impact more than our bodies, they impact our economies and our environment. Purchasing from local farmers and food producers supports local economies, decreases greenhouse gas emissions by reducing distances our food travels, and enhances awareness about eating sustainably for people and the planet.

Good nutrition impacts children’s health, well-being, and learning. If children are not adequately nourished during childhood, the impact can last a lifetime. Hunger in childhood has long-term adverse consequences for health.

The City of Toronto has confirmed an investment in student nutrition programs, and passed a motion to “support the ongoing efforts of the Coalition for Healthy School Food to advocate for a universal healthy school food program based on the shared belief that all children and youth should have daily access to healthy food at school.” They have also been joined by other cities including Victoria, BC and Vancouver, BC.

The Coalition for Healthy School Food is urging municipal governments across Canada to pass similar motions. “Municipal governments can play a crucial role in advocating for universal school food programs,” said Debbie Field, Coordinator of the Coalition for Healthy School Food. “Whether or not they provide direct funding, as do Toronto, Vancouver, Moncton and County of Kings (Nova Scotia), [municipalities] can bring together the many players at the local level who have an interest in designing and operating successful school food programs.”

We hope you will consider joining your voice with ours in calling for a universal healthy school food program, and would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it. You can find a full list of endorsers and information about registering your endorsement at: [www.healthyschoolfood.ca/our-endorsers](http://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/our-endorsers).

Sincerely,

John Smith, Chair  
on behalf of the Annapolis Community Health Board

Annapolis CHB  
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# Developing a Healthy, Universal, Cost-Shared School Food Program for Canada

## A successful Canada-wide School Food Program will be:



### Health-Promoting

Serve tasty and culturally appropriate whole foods, focusing on vegetables and fruit in line with the revised [Canada's Food Guide](#) that models healthy eating habits.



### Universal

Ensure that ALL children in a school can access the program in a non-stigmatizing manner. Over time, all children in Canada will participate in a school food program.



### Cost-shared

Use federal funding to both expand on current provincial, city, parental and community funding and to initiate new programs in a cost-shared model.



### Flexible and Respectful

Successful school food programs reflect the context of the school and region. Ensure that funding supports different food service models, from breakfast to lunch to snacks. Programs should respect local conditions, be culturally appropriate and locally adapted.



### Connected

Build on existing programs, local knowledge, skills and relationships. School food programs can support local food producers where possible and set local and sustainably produced food purchasing targets.



### Comprehensive

Promote the values of food literacy and explore how school food programs can be integrated into the curriculum through nutrition and hands-on food systems education.



### Guided by Canada-wide Standards

Ensure that programs are guided by Canada-wide nutritional standards, conflict of interest safeguards that prevent programs from marketing unhealthy food and specific products, as well as a framework for consistent Canada-wide program evaluation while at the same time being locally-led and controlled.



### Committed to Indigenous Control over Programs for Indigenous Students

Ensure Indigenous Food Sovereignty in a School Food Program for Canada.

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December 22, 2021

Warden Alan Parish  
752 George St  
PO Box 100  
Annapolis Royal, NS B0S 1A0

Dear Warden Parish:

Thank you for your letter to Minister Lohr regarding the impact of the housing crisis within the County of Annapolis and, in particular, the effects of the current rent cap. As the Minister responsible for the *Residential Tenancies Act*, I am pleased to respond.

I want to assure you that addressing the housing crisis is one of government's top priorities and the government is aware of the challenges being faced by both landlords and tenants. The government appreciates hearing perspectives from both parties and respects these positions in addressing the housing crisis. We also appreciate hearing different perspectives and I thank you for highlighting the specific impacts to rural communities.

On October 20, 2021 government released its housing plan [Solutions for housing and homelessness - Government of Nova Scotia](#), which outlines a number of initiatives to address the housing crisis. We don't want Nova Scotia to become a victim of its own success. We want to make sure people can afford a place to call home and build their lives here. The measures we have announced will create new affordable housing units, improve the housing supply, and protect tenants while we take those steps. This is only the beginning. We won't fix the housing crisis overnight but we're acting now.

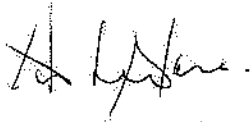
As a part of its housing plan, government has passed legislation to extend the current rent cap until December 31, 2023. The extension of the rent cap is not permanent and will be in place while the province supports the work to increase the housing supply. While this is being done, it is critical to maintain existing rental stock. To that end, landlords can benefit from provincial programs that can help with the costs of repairs or modifications in return for keeping their units affordable. Information on these programs can be found at "[Housing Nova Scotia](#)".

Currently, renovation evictions are banned until the end of the state of emergency or until February 1, 2022, whichever is first. In addition, the province has made amendments to the *Residential Tenancies Act* to provide additional protections for renters from renovation evictions. These amendments provide that

landlords will be required to give at least three months' notice for "renovictions", and tenants will be entitled to compensation in certain circumstances.

I am pleased you got in touch and took the time to share the concerns of both landlords and tenants in the County of Annapolis. I hope I have been able to assure you of government's commitment to improve the housing situation across the province.

Sincerely,



Hon. Colton LeBlanc  
Minister

c. Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing