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**Re:                   Municipal Oath of Office**

Dear Premier Houston, Minister Lohr and Minister MacFarlane,

I am writing in follow up to my previous letter dated September 29, 2021 on behalf of East Hants Municipal Council requesting that the Provincial Government consider legislative changes in the wording of the municipal Oath of Office to reflect inclusiveness, and better represent the diverse backgrounds of our elected officials.

It is our understanding that the Boards of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) and the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia (AMANS) have been supportive of suggested legislative changes that will allow broader wording for an Oath of Office (mandatory) and an Oath of Allegiance (optional to the Queen) since 2022. However, those legislative changes are still waiting for approval.

As we approach another municipal election this fall, it is important that the Provincial Government proceed with these changes to ensure the new oaths are available to elected officials at the inaugural meetings in October.

Sincerely,



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Cc:

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