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Eleanor Roulston
Warden, Municipality of East Hants
Via Email: eroulston@easthants.ca

Dear Warden Roulston:

Thank you for your letter of August 14, 2024, regarding your request for amendments to the municipal Oath of Office prior to the upcoming municipal elections.

The Department is committed to service excellence, promoting the participation of diverse Nova Scotians in local government and creating a more inclusive environment where Nova Scotians from all backgrounds feel empowered to contribute their unique perspectives and experiences to their communities.

The Department supports election preparation by providing training and advice for municipal Returning Officers, policy support on elections legislation and regulations, and launching municipal campaign schools to help equip potential candidates with the skills and resources they need to run for municipal office.

Legislative amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act* (MEA) are not being pursued at this time; however, the Department will consider changes to amend the MEA for future legislative sessions.

I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John A. Lohr'.

Honourable John A. Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Honourable Tim Houston, Premier
Honourable Brian Wong, Minister Responsible for L'nu Affairs
John A. MacDonald, MLA, East Hants

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