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Council members Municipality of East Hants

Dear Councillors,

On behalf of the Nova Scotia Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> (NSAR) and our members, please accept our heartfelt congratulations on your election as Councillor in Municipality of East Hants!

We are pleased to welcome strong leaders who recognize the important economic, social, and environmental impacts of appropriate, income-accessible housing in our communities.

NSAR represents over 2,100 salespeople and brokers across the province. We are the voice of real estate in Nova Scotia.

REALTORS<sup>®</sup> are a key component of the local economy. In 2023, housing transactions through the NSAR MLS<sup>®</sup> System generated **over \$586 million in spin-off spending and an estimated 4,400 jobs across the province**.

REALTORS® believe everyone should have a place to call home. Inventory and vacancy rates are extremely low across our province. Without housing, our communities suffer.

**REALTORS**<sup>®</sup> have ideas that can help. We look forward to talking to you and your colleagues about actions we can collectively take to ensure that everyone has a place to call home.

Each region of Nova Scotia has volunteer REALTORS® who serve on our Provincial/Municipal Affairs Committee (PMAC). These REALTORS® are your local experts and can be called upon for the most up-to-date local housing data and information.

Please feel free to reach out to Paige Hoveling, Stakeholder Relations Manager, at phoveling@nsar.ns.ca or 902-568-5764 to be connected with your local REALTOR® or receive housing data, support, or housing expertise during your term.

We look forward to working with you and your council colleagues on actions we can take to ensure that every Nova Scotian has a place to call home.

Sincerely,

Roger Boutilier Chief Executive Officer



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