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RE : Municipal Oath of Office

Dear Premier Houston, Minister Lohr, and Minister MacFarlane,

On behalf of East Hants Council, I am writing to request 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.

Nova Scotia is multicultural province made up of diverse populations – from the 13 First Nations communities, the Acadians, and the many immigrants who have chosen to make their home here. The use of Inclusive language respects and promotes all of these communities.

East Hants Council is lucky to have a diverse council made up of individuals of different genders and backgrounds. We feel it is important that the language in the Oath of Office is updated with inclusive



language to ensure that when newly elected representatives are sworn in, they feel welcomed and respected. It is our hope that when working to update the language in the Oath of Office that consultation with the First Nations and other communities is had.

In closing, I would like to thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully consider our request.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Roulston
Warden, Municipality of East Hants