



January 25, 2023

VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Kiley,

**Re: M10483 - S. 369 of the Municipal Government Act - 2022 Municipal Boundary Review**

This is further to your letter of March 4, 2022, in which the NSUARB granted the municipality a submission extension to April 30, 2023. In that letter the board also directed the municipality to provide a status update by January 31, 2023.

### Status Update

To date the municipality has:

- Held 3 public consultation meetings regarding the size of council in May 2022
- Conducted an on-line poll regarding the size of council in May 2022
- Held 2 workshops between staff and council to review various polling district boundary scenarios in October 2022
- Held 3 public consultation meetings regarding proposed polling district boundaries in January 2023
- Currently conducting an on-line poll regarding the proposed polling district boundaries

The Municipality of East Hants is using the time provided by the board to undertake a thorough review. Council has received 5 staff reports regarding the size of council and proposed polling district boundary adjustments. The municipality is dealing with significant and uneven population growth making this review particularly challenging.

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Nonetheless, we are expecting a final staff report on the matter to be presented to council in February and hopeful we will be able to meet the submission deadline of April 30, 2023.

Should you require anything further please feel free to contact the undersigned at 902.883.6120 or [jwoodford@easthants.ca](mailto:jwoodford@easthants.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JW', written in a cursive style.

John Woodford, LPP, MCIP  
Director of Planning & Development