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To our members,

Amidst the changes over the past year: pandemic recovery, natural disasters rocking the province, and continuously shifting regulatory and funding environments—we would like to thank our members for their support. It is your engagement with the work at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities that allows us to become the hub for engagement with Nova Scotia's municipalities.

Whether we are asking you to come together on an emergency basis to house incoming healthcare workers, to respond to provincial demands regarding housing and planning, or simply to attend our conferences in person once more. Your contributions to the environment of success we are fostering at NSFAM do not go unnoticed.

As a result of rising costs, this year will see a slight increase to our member dues. The increase is below CPI and reflects how NSFAM works hard to keep costs to our members low.

Our ambition to create better government and stronger communities for our members is equaled only by the passion from our members to see those changes come to life. We've asked you recently to step forward and envision what you want our work to look like in the future and you've responded with optimism, enthusiasm, and understanding. Much of the work of governance takes time to get right—and we are proud to say that time is showing the results of our labour.

We have successfully achieved one of our five resolutions with the creation of Extended Producer Responsibility for Printed Paper and Packaging in Nova Scotia, and we're moving closer each day to modern, representative, democracies that make Nova Scotia the best province in the country to live in.

From infrastructure, to policing, healthcare, housing, coastal erosion, bylaws and planning, environmental legislation, civic engagement, and even roads, NSFAM is closely involved with a large number of concerns that are integral to the operation of a modern municipality.

As we move into 2023, we look for your support to continue our work to create an open platform for participation amongst our members and create access and opportunities for other orders of government to consult and partner with municipalities on issues that affect every Nova Scotian.

Through working together as effective local leaders we can create more modern communities, and more inclusive governance. We look forward to your membership through the new year, into the years to come.

Let's get to work!

*Brenda Chisholm-B*

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