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Warden Jim Smith
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Dear Warden Smith:

Thank you for your correspondence of April 10, 2018, regarding the RCMP Advisory Board Alternative Model and your request for approval to continue using this model.

My staff have advised me that, over the past two years of the pilot project, you and Council were pleased with how the model is working for your municipality. My understanding is that your alternative model has made a tremendous improvement in communication between you, Council, the RCMP, and the community at large.

Pursuant to the Nova Scotia Police Act Section 57(8), "where the Minister is satisfied that a municipality has established, in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a system of governance that is equal to or better than the governance provided by an advisory board, the Minister may exempt the municipality from the requirement to appoint an advisory board pursuant to this section."

I want to take this opportunity to advise you that I approve the RCMP Advisory Board Alternative Model, with one amendment: that the Advisory Board include one public representative appointed by the Province. I have asked the department to begin recruitment immediately in order for this position to be filled in a timely manner.

Should you have any questions, the Public Safety and Security staff will be more than willing to assist you.

Yours truly,

 Mark Furey