



May 30, 2025

**VIA EMAIL**

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Dear Ministers,

**RE: Fire Services Review - Clarification on Municipal Engagement**

Thank you for your joint letter dated April 17, 2025, regarding the comprehensive governance review of fire services in Nova Scotia.

East Hants Council appreciates the recognition that municipal input is a critical component of the review process, and we share your view that local governments have a key role to play in shaping the future of fire service governance.

Council is seeking clarity on how our municipality will be engaged as part of this process. We also request that municipalities be provided an opportunity to review and respond to draft recommendations before they are finalized and presented to government.

We acknowledge the valuable role the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia (FSANS) plays in this work. However, as the municipal level is directly responsible for service delivery and local funding, we believe it is essential that municipalities are formally included in the review process.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate and look forward to further details on how East Hants Council and other municipalities will be engaged.

Sincerely,



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