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Subject: FW: DOJ/Municipality of the District of East Hants - RCMP Billing Model

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Charcy,

Thank you for the follow up and for taking time to meet with us last week. Let me start by saying that East Hants believes in standards and in the RCMP and we believe improvements to policing through a layered model across Nova Scotia will serve Nova Scotians well. As noted in our meeting, we do take issue with the inequity of the proposed re-investment model and with the lack of consultation on the new billing model.

Over the next few weeks as you work towards the agreements being drafted we would appreciate consideration given to the following:

- While East Hants has funded additional RCMP resources, other municipalities may now receive enhanced policing services without making a comparable financial contribution.
- The overall approach creates an inequitable outcome: East Hants should not be **required** to reinvest approximately \$1.6 million in public safety, while other municipalities are not subject to the same requirement.
- Council has demonstrated responsible and sustained leadership through its ongoing investments in public safety. Despite this track record, the Province is now directing how the Municipality must invest the funds freed up through the new billing model.
- Outside of HRM, East Hants is the fastest-growing municipality in the province by population. Given this continued growth, Council requires the flexibility and local autonomy to manage municipal finances responsibly and direct funding toward locally identified priorities.
- Finally, to invest \$1.6 million in municipal level programming with no notice or guidance is next to impossible and to spend these funds for the sake of a provincial directive would be incredibly wasteful. We have our work plan set for this year and are starting budget preparation for 2027 in a few months. As discussed, we are not in the business of policing or any of the layers. Other than enforcing our own bylaws (which are pretty benign in the policing world), we do not work in the security world, we have no direct social services in our mandate, we do not hire police, social workers or community officers. We do not have the IT systems to tie into the RCMP or dispatch world, the organizational structure to supervise this work, nor do we have space to hire the number of employees we would need to do \$1.6 million worth of programming/work.

East Hants' Investments in Public Safety:

- Over the past five years, East Hants Council has consistently invested in additional RCMP resources and related supports to ensure an appropriate level of policing within the community. These additional investments exceed \$1.2 million annually.
- Council has also invested in additional municipal staffing to support public safety services, including policing, emergency management, fire protection and bylaw enforcement.

- Over the past two years, the Municipality has developed seniors' safety programming to address a service gap created following the withdrawal of a local not-for-profit organization.

We appreciate the investment of \$16 million from the Province and the vision. We would very much like to get there in an equitable manner for all municipalities, leaving Councils with the autonomy over community needs, our budgets and strategic plans.

We look forward to seeing the Agreement,
Kim



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Hello all,

Thank you for your time on Thursday and for the constructive conversation. Please know that the concerns you shared are well noted and we will be coming back to you with answers to your questions in the coming weeks.

Please see attached for a resource document that provides clarity on the components of the new billing model.

As noted in the meeting, please let us know if you have any follow-up questions.

Have a great weekend!

Charcy Marchand

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Hello,

Further to the correspondence received from the Attorney General and Minister of Justice regarding the RCMP Billing Model, this meeting is to discuss the specifics of your billing.

Thank you,

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