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Mr. Jamie Baillie
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Dear Mr. Baillie:

On behalf of the UNSM, I want to thank you for your prompt response from September 12, 2013, to our questionnaire on municipal issues.

I was pleased to see a Progressive Conservative government would be a willing partner with us, viewing our issues with an open mind.

Your platform speaks to the need for economic development in our communities and suggests this will cause tax bases in communities to grow. UNSM recognizes that economic and population growth will help, but the issues municipalities face will not be solved by this alone. Nor can the Province reduce provincial taxes on the backs of municipal tax payers.

UNSM looks forward to meeting with you after the election to discuss how we may work together on a go-forward basis.

We will be undertaking Advocacy Days in the near future, where UNSM Board members meet with provincial MLAs to discuss key municipal issues. I would ask you to encourage your members to meet with UNSM Board members when Advocacy Days are announced. More information on this initiative to follow.

Sincerely,

Councillor Russell Walker
President, UNSM

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