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Dear Councillor Walker:

I am writing in response to a recent letter from former UNSM President Jim Smith regarding the Towns Task Force Report.

First I would like to express my thanks to all of the municipal members on the Task Force. The Task Force shows how much can be accomplished when we all work together for a common goal.

As I have stated in the past, the report contains some excellent recommendations. Therefore I fully support the establishment of a joint provincial/municipal committee to be assigned the work of implementing the recommendations of the Task Force.

However it should be noted that we will be able to implement some recommendations more quickly than others.

Again the Province expresses its appreciation for the work done to date and looks forward to the next steps. Brant Wishart of my Department will be the point of contact to begin the implementation process.

Yours truly,

John MacDonell
Minister