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UNSM to Meet with Provincial MLA's During Advocacy Days

Halifax, April 28, 2014: Municipal politicians from across the province are in Halifax from April 28 to May 2 for Advocacy Days. During these sessions, the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities' (UNSM) Board of Directors will meet with cabinet ministers and a number of MLA's from all political parties over a two day period to discuss important municipal issues. The purpose of Advocacy Days is to build relationships between provincial and municipal elected officials, look at how the Province and municipalities can work together to better serve the interests of all Nova Scotians, and to minimize the collective tax burden.

"Advocacy Days provides an excellent opportunity for our Board members to meet with a large number of MLA's and cabinet ministers in order to improve communications between our two orders of government and to ensure that important municipal issues get on the provincial radar", stated UNSM President Mayor David Corkum. "Municipalities recognize that Nova Scotia's municipal landscape is changing so it is important that we communicate our key messages to provincial politicians of all political stripes as we move forward. At the same time, we want to hear the positions of our provincial colleagues", Corkum further stated.

The main points UNSM Board members want to emphasize is that both orders of government are accountable to the same citizens, municipalities and the Province need to collaborate, municipalities are open to change, and municipalities require more ways to generate revenue.

Advocacy Days is modelled on a similar event organized by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at the federal level.

The UNSM is a non-profit organization that has represented the Provincial interests of municipal governments across Nova Scotia since 1906. Total membership is 412 elected officials representing all 54 municipalities.