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January 14, 2015

The Honourable Mark Furey
Minister, Municipal Affairs

Minister Furey:

On behalf of the UNSM Board of Directors, I am writing in support of HRM's request to expedite the process of granting those with permanent resident status the ability to vote in municipal elections.

As you are aware, HRM has requested this change to their Charter for the Spring of 2015 with an understanding that a similar change to the Municipal Elections Act could come at a later date pending consultation with municipalities.

The UNSM Board is supportive of HRM's request to amend their Charter to expedite this process. If you approve their request, the UNSM would be prepared to consult its membership to determine if municipal councils would like a similar change to the Municipal Elections Act.

The UNSM is already on record as supporting this initiative through a letter written to you on September 8, 2014.

Sincerely,

Warden Keith Hunter
UNSM President

cc: UNSM Board of Directors
Mayor Mike Savage, Halifax

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