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UNSM Signs Historic Agreement with Province

Halifax, December 2, 2016: The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) signed a historic agreement with the Province at the conclusion of their AGM on December 1.

The Agreement, signed by Municipal Affairs Minister Zach Churchill and UNSM President Mayor Cecil Clarke, outlines how the UNSM will partner with the Province on top priorities. The Agreement commits both parties to focus on a shared vision for healthy and vibrant communities in Nova Scotia.

“The Agreement represents a new and focused approach for municipalities and the Province to work together on a series of tangible items going forward where we will be able to monitor results over time to measure success” stated UNSM Past President Mayor Cecil Clarke. “I want to personally thank Minister Churchill for his vision and commitment to ensuring this Agreement became a reality”, Clarke further stated.

Key priorities in the Agreement include:

- Developing a protocol outlining how the Province will consult with municipalities on legislative or regulatory changes that impact municipalities
- Developing an accountability and transparency framework for municipal expense reporting
- Modernizing the Municipal Government Act and Halifax Charter
- Developing options for structural change that promotes municipal viability
- Developing minimal land use planning standards
- Continuing to promote economic development through the Regional Enterprise Networks.

For a copy of the Agreement or for further information visit www.unsm.ca.

The UNSM is a non-profit organization that has represented the Provincial interests of municipal governments across Nova Scotia since 1906. Total membership is 378 elected officials representing all 50 municipalities.