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Deputy Mayor Laurie Murley
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Dear Deputy Mayor *Laurie* Murley:

Thank you for sharing the 2016 Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) Resolutions. I applaud the UNSM's work to improve the resolution process and focus on priority items.

The Partnership Framework between the UNSM and the Department of Municipal Affairs (signed December 1, 2016), provides our organizations with a formalized process to collaboratively address issues of common interest, including the UNSM Resolutions.

I have asked my staff to work with the UNSM Executive and Association of Municipal Administrators to identify the resolutions that can be incorporated into our joint strategic plan. As outlined in the Partnership Framework, we will be reporting annually on our progress towards addressing these priorities. We will provide responses to those that are not part of the framework discussions shortly.

I look forward to working together on developing and implementing our joint strategic plan.

Sincerely,

Zach Churchill
Minister