

Resolution 8A

AMEND “PART VIII—PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT” OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT (PASSED)

⇒ Town of Bridgewater

WHEREAS Bill 67, concerning amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipality's Planning Charter, was recently approved by the Province; and

WHEREAS Bill 67 provides HRM with the ability to establish maximum street frontage and lot area requirements, and minimum lot density requirements; and

WHEREAS said planning tools may be used to ensure significant land use efficiencies, and therefore directly assist in controlling infrastructure maintenance and service costs for municipalities; and

WHEREAS all Nova Scotian communities outside of HRM should also be empowered to plan and design communities in a sustainable manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM request that Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations amend Part VIII – “Planning & Development” of the *Municipal Government Act* to include provisions which allow all municipalities to establish maximum street frontage and lot area requirements, and minimum lot density requirements in municipal planning documents.

Forwarded to:

Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations

RESPONSE:

I am writing in response to your recent letter concerning Resolutions passed at the October Annual Conference of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

The Department supports this Resolution and will bring forth amendments to the Municipal Government Act for consideration by the House of Assembly.

The Honourable Ramona Jennex

Minister

December 22, 2010