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The Honourable Ross Landry  
Attorney General and Minister of Justice  
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Minister Landry:

I am writing you on behalf of the UNSM to request that the Province develop a clear definition around minimum policing standards.

A number of municipal units are struggling with this concept because there is no clear definition of minimum policing standards in any legislation or regulations dealing with Nova Scotia policing.

While current provincial legislation/regulation defines governance and operational standards, it does not clearly address how much policing or appropriate numbers of required police officers.

Municipalities want to know from a quantitative perspective a minimum standard of policing. By defining this standard, they can determine their needs to either meet the standard or exceed it if they so desire.

Having clearly defined standards will also make it easier for municipalities to determine if they are in compliance with the requirements of the Police Act and Policing Standards.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if your department would be prepared to develop a clear definition around minimum policing standards.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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**UNSM President**

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