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UNSM Opposes Any Hike to HST

Halifax, March 24, 2010: The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) is opposed to any HST hike by the Province. While the UNSM recognizes that the Province must determine ways to make up for their \$525 million deficit, increasing the HST should not be one of them.

“Nova Scotians have spoken loud and clear on their opposition to an HST increase,” said Councillor Clarence Prince, UNSM President. In a recent poll conducted by CBC, the majority of Nova Scotians (74 per cent) expressed opposition to an increase in the HST as a measure to deal with the provincial deficit.

“Any increase in the HST will negatively impact municipalities and small business who are already facing minimum wage increases from \$8.60 per hour to \$9.65 per hour. With small business being the economic backbone of our Province, we have to be mindful of this,” Prince further stated.

The UNSM urges the Province to look at other alternatives to reduce the deficit.