

Resolution 22A

MECHANISMS TO ADDRESS RENEWAL OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS (PASSED)

⇒ Town of Annapolis Royal

WHEREAS certain municipal units operate shared critical systems such as water distribution, sewage treatment systems, fire protection services, and other critical systems and services; and

WHEREAS certain agreements governing such systems and/or services have either expired or are about to expire; and

WHEREAS there is currently no mechanism to effectively and efficiently resolve disputes arising between municipal units over the renewal of shared service agreements, the operation of the agreements, and the costs of the various systems and services governed by agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities request the Province of Nova Scotia to designate through legislation or regulation the requirement to incorporate into all inter municipal system and/or service agreements, whether by amendment of existing agreements or drafting of new agreements, specific mechanisms for performance review, dispute resolution and default terms for renewal.

Forwarded to:

Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations

RESPONSE:

I am pleased to send to you the Department's response to the 2012 Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) Resolution.

The Towns Task Force has made several recommendations for dealing with dispute resolution, including an arbitration process or the appointment of a Commissioner. I will forward this Resolution to the Towns Task Force Implementation Committee for consideration as part of their work.

*The Honourable John MacDonell
Minister*

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