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February 12, 2013

The Honourable John MacDonell
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Minister MacDonell:

At the February 8 meeting of the UNSM Board of Directors, SNSMR Senior Policy Analyst Alex Dumaresq presented the final report on Phase 2 of the Municipal Indicators Project. At this meeting, the UNSM Board passed a motion in support of the report which included proposed changes to the Financial Condition Index (FCI). This motion reflects similar support for the report as previously endorsed by the Association of Municipal Administrators.

The UNSM Board requested that I write to inform you of the Board's support for the final report.

The FCI is an excellent tool that will provide a snapshot of a municipality's financial condition and ultimately serve to assess and improve the financial situation of municipalities. The application of the FCI will also play an important role as a key recommendation in the Towns Task Force Report.

Sincerely,

Councillor Russell Walker
UNSM President

cc: UNSM Board of Directors
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