



July 7, 2003

Dear Mayors and Wardens,

RE: GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR AN EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIP

We are very pleased to provide you with the final report of the Guiding Principles for an Effective Relationship.

This has been a deliberate and thoughtful process that has resulted in a series of proposed principles and specific actions that should facilitate an improved relationship between our two orders of Government.

Please review the document over the next six weeks. If there are any pressing concerns or questions you may contact either Nathan Gorall at 424-2499 or Ken Simpson at 423-8331.

In the meantime, we have agreed to work together on the drafting of a Memorandum of Agreement to institutionalize these guiding principles. It is intended that government will review and discuss this Memorandum at Cabinet. The proposed Memorandum of Agreement will also be presented to the UNSM Executive for review and discussion. We hope to have the final document signed by both orders of Government at our Fall Conference.

In closing, we are both pleased with the level of effort put into this process by staff and elected officials from both orders of Government. It has demonstrated a shared goal of better relations and it bodes well for the future.

Sincerely,

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President  
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Minister  
Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

Enclosure