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Via Email: johnc@munyarmouth.ca; jenny@munyarmouth.ca

John Cunningham
Warden
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth
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Dear Warden John Cunningham:

Re: FOIPOP Act Review

I am writing to thank you for your letter dated January 15, 2025, in which you shared concerns of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth regarding potential legislative changes to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPOP Act) and *Municipal Government Act*.

In your letter you reference correspondence received from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) and the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia (AMANS) and you strongly urge the Government of Nova Scotia to consider the concerns raised by these organizations.

I have shared your letter with the FOIPOP Act Review Working Group, which is carrying out the legislative review. The Working Group has been tasked with considering legislative changes recommended by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner as part of the review process. I appreciate the concerns you and others have raised about impacts of some of these potential changes on municipalities in terms of time, costs, and ability to serve the public. Engagement with municipalities and villages is a key component of the engagement process.

The Working Group is analyzing all feedback received and will be developing options and recommendations for consideration by government. Potential impacts of possible changes on both users of the legislation and the public bodies having obligations under it will be carefully weighed as part of that decision-making process.

Thank you for reaching out to communicate your concerns,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. Druhan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Becky Druhan
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

cc: Victoria Brooks, CAO