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Dear Mayors, Wardens and Councillors:

I am writing today to commend all municipalities for successfully adopting the legislated Code of Conduct within the required timeline. Province wide adoption of this essential framework reflects a shared commitment to fostering respectful and constructive dialogue at the Council table.

The development of the Code of Conduct framework illustrates the significant collaboration between municipal governments and the Government of Nova Scotia. I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Code of Conduct Working Group for their commitment and hard work over the past three years in developing and recommending a model that will effectively serve all 49 municipalities and 21 villages.

I would like to highlight that the Working Group recommended reviewing the Code three years after its implementation. This thoughtful approach underscores the importance of continuous evaluation and improvement to ensure that the Code continues to effectively support respectful and constructive conduct at the Council table.

Thank you, once again, for your commitment to the new municipal Code of Conduct. I am confident that this new standard will create a more positive work environment for municipal elected officials across Nova Scotia.

I look forward to our ongoing collaboration in the New Year as we engage in projects that will have meaningful impact on our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Lohr'.

Honourable John A. Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs

c: Chief Administrative Officers