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Dear Municipal Leaders:

Re: Shelburne County Healthcare Services Analysis

Thank you for your letters dated June 12, 2024, and September 20, 2024, requesting a third-party review of the Nova Scotia Health and Emergency Health Services in Shelburne County.

Although the Department of Health and Wellness will not be fulfilling your request, I am happy to hear the Shelburne County Community/NSH Stakeholder Group has had a productive meeting on September 9, 2024.

In addition to this, executive leaders from NSH have informed me of the most recent meeting on September 27, 2024, including Karen Oldfield, CEO, Dr Rob Harris, Western Zone (WZ) Emergency Physician Lead, Leslie Oliver, WZ Executive Director and Tanya Penney, Senior Executive Director, Emergency Care Priorities. I understand that this was a productive meeting and concluded in a collaborative, agreed upon approach including next steps towards stabilizing predictable services. I look forward to hearing updates of the progress of this approach.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thompson
Minister of Health and Wellness

c: Rick Perkins, MP – South Shore
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Sherry Doane, Executive Director – Shelburne Area Chamber of Commerce
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