



September 20, 2024

The Honorable Michelle Thompson
Minister of Health
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Email: Health.Minister@novascotia.ca
Re: Shelburne County Healthcare Services Analysis

Dear Minister Thompson,

We are writing to follow up on our letter dated June 12, 2024, which outlined seven critical areas of concern related to healthcare services in Shelburne County. In that letter, we requested a fully funded third-party review of the Nova Scotia Health and Emergency Health Services in Shelburne County.

Since our initial correspondence, the Shelburne County Community/NSH Stakeholder Group has had a productive meeting with Tanya Nixon, Vice President of Operations for the Western Zone. Ms. Nixon has expressed her willingness to cooperate with a third-party review, contingent upon your approval. This review is crucial to address the following concerns we highlighted:

1. The urgent need for a lead physician and mentorship;
2. The establishment of a hospitalist at Roseway Hospital;
3. The integration of long-term care physician responsibilities;
4. The challenges faced by Practice Ready Assessment Program physicians;
5. Work-life balance issues affecting physician retention;
6. Ongoing concerns with Emergency Health Services (EHS) coverage; and
7. The increased and ongoing closures of Roseway Hospital's emergency department.

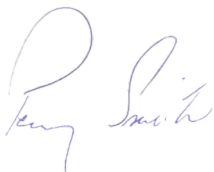
Given the gravity of these issues and the potential benefits of an independent review, we respectfully request an update on the status of our request. Timely action on this matter is vital to ensure that our healthcare system can meet the needs of our community effectively.

We appreciate your attention to this important issue and look forward to your response. Should you need any additional information or wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact us directly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

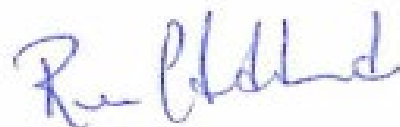
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