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VIA EMAIL

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Warden Shaun Hatfield
Municipality of Barrington

Mayor Clay Kenney
Town of Clark's Harbour

Mayor Derek Amalfa
Town of Lockeport

Mayor Stan Jacklin
Town of Shelburne

c/o Nicole Blades
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Dear Wardens Smith and Hatfield, and Mayors Kenney, Amalfa and Jacklin:

Thank you for your correspondence sent March 3, 2026, regarding future direction and expansion of programs at the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) Shelburne Campus.

The NSCC plays a critical role in workforce development across the province. The transfer of NSCC to Labour, Skills and Immigration (LSI) strengthens the link between training and jobs, ensuring programs respond directly to Nova Scotia's labour market needs and skills development.

Since the transfer of authority, LSI has been working closely with key sectors to identify workforce needs and is collaborating with NSCC to ensure education and training pathways are aligned, responsive, and positioned to support a strong, skilled workforce across the province.

In February, the Institute of Skilled Trades (IST) was announced. The IST operates within NSCC and brings NSCC's skilled trades programming together under one focused structure. Its purpose is to ensure training reflects real workplace requirements, modern equipment,

and the skills employers need now and into the future — while producing more job-ready graduates and supporting apprenticeship success. Industry plays a central role in this work. Through a new industry-led council, employers and sector leaders guide NSCC's program mix, curriculum outcomes, equipment priorities, and alignment with labour market demand. This approach brings government, training, and industry together to support economic growth, workforce development, and long-term prosperity.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss apprenticeship training opportunities that will support skilled trades professionals on their journey to certification in the skilled trades. Thank you for your continued interest in the success of NSCC in meeting the province's labour market needs. I look forward to our meeting scheduled on April 20, 2026, to discuss future collaboration and opportunities regarding the Shelburne Campus.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Nolan Young
Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration