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Trudi Payne
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VIA EMAIL: Trudy.Payne@municipalityofshelburne.ca

Dear Ms. Payne:

Thank you for your email of May 7, 2021, regarding amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA). The opinions of our municipal partners are of the utmost importance when considering any amendment to the MGA.

Consultation is an important piece of our policy process, in June of 2020, Department of Municipal Affairs (DMA) staff hosted five days of sessions to discuss, amongst other topics, both code of conduct and accessibility initiatives. The feedback provided by our municipal partners at these sessions directly informed our decisions with respect to these legislative amendments. Additionally, DMA consults with the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) on all amendments to the MGA as directed by Section 518 of the MGA.

I appreciate you sharing your suggestion to improve our process for legislative amendments. At this time, we are not considering formal changes to our process, however I will ask my staff to review the Consultation Framework agreed upon in the Partnership Framework to ensure its consistent use.

Sincerely,

Brendan Maguire
Minister of Municipal Affairs

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