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Dear Mr. Conrod:

I understand that an application has been filed by the Municipality of the County of Pictou together with the Towns of New Glasgow, Pictou and Stellarton (the Applicants) for a voluntary and conditional application to amalgamate under the *Municipal Government Act*.


I am writing in my capacity as the Minister responsible for the *Libraries Act* and to provide my agreement to amend the governance structure of the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library Board (PARL) subject to conditions outlined in this letter.

As I understand, the applicants do not wish to alter the amounts or methods currently in existence with respect to the funding of regional library boards, but only wish to maintain similar voting rights post-amalgamation as are currently provided to their four respective units.

Subject to a decision and order of the NSUARB, and pursuant to ss. 3 and 10 of the *Libraries Act*, I am prepared to authorize the amendment request by the Applicants provided the other PARL member municipal units agree.

I trust you find the above to be in order.

Sincerely,



Tony Ince
Minister