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Dear Mr. Conrod:

I am writing in relation to the application filed with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board by the Municipality of Pictou County and the Towns of New Glasgow, Pictou, and Stellarton with respect to municipal amalgamation.

As you are aware, conditional approval to maintain the current day policing arrangements for a transition period of up to five years from an April 1, 2017 effective date of the proposed new municipality has been granted.

I understand that there is a new proposed effective date for amalgamation of November 1, 2016. This is to advise that there is no impact on the conditional approval of the policing arrangements for both municipal agencies and RCMP services. Should the new date be approved, the five year transitional period will start on November 1, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diana Whalen".

The Honourable Diana Whalen
Minister of Justice and Attorney General