

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

October 25, 2011

BETWEEN

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS

AND THE

VILLAGE OF AYLESFORD; VILLAGE OF CANNING; VILLAGE OF CORNWALLIS SQUARE; VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD; VILLAGE OF KINGSTON; VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS; AND THE VILLAGE OF PORT WILLIAMS

WHEREAS there is benefit in having a forum whereby representatives of the Villages and the County of Kings can formally come together for the purpose of sharing information and identifying matters of mutual interest and concern;

AND WHEREAS the Warden of the Municipality of the County of Kings and the Chairpersons for each of the seven villages located within the borders of the County all believe there is benefit in establishing a formal mechanism for regular, collective dialogue to take place between each of the aforementioned parties;

AND WHEREAS there is a desire to share information and to pursue mutually beneficial opportunities that may exist for greater cooperation between the County and the Villages in such areas as purchasing, planning and contracted services;

AND WHEREAS it is believed that intergovernmental cooperation between and among municipal organizations may produce less expensive and more efficient local government services and cooperative undertakings and that the sharing of resources may offer cost savings when administrative and equipment duplication is reduced;

THEREFORE it is agreed by all of the signatories to this Statement of Intent that, beginning in the fall of 2011, the Warden and Chairpersons along with management employees from each municipal organization, will come together at least twice in each 12 month period to review and discuss any concerns and issues that are of concern to either party and which it is believed may impact positively or negatively upon the other. More specifically, discussions will focus on:

- a) areas for potential cooperation that may exist and which it is believed may result in reduced costs and improved service delivery to residents and business owners;
- b) ideas for new or improved revenue generation;
- c) joint policies or programs that will benefit the Municipality and the villages and help to minimize duplication of effort;

- d) other matters of mutual interest that are brought forward for discussion.

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The parties agree that all such discussions will be undertaken in a spirit and attitude which promotes trust, cooperation and partnership and which encourages freedom of expression and participation by all.

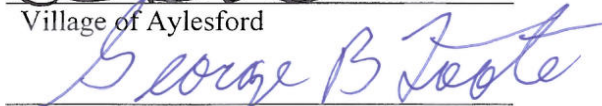
The parties further agree that:

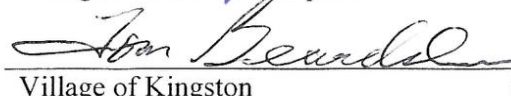
- a) the next meeting will take place and be hosted by the Village of Kingston in October 2011;
- b) a schedule of meeting dates and locations for future meetings will be put forward at the October meeting;
- c) the elected head of the host organization at any given time will act as Chair for the meeting;
- d) a staff representative of the host organization, in consultation with the County and Villages, will be responsible for preparation of the meeting agenda, organizational arrangements for the gathering; the taking of minutes of discussion and for follow-up distribution of the minutes to all participants following the meeting.


Each of the parties recognize there is strength in diversity and that in the encouragement of full and open discussion, different viewpoints will be expressed that may be considered beneficial and important by one but which may not always be considered beneficial and the priority of another.

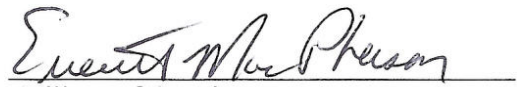
Each party recognizes also that any action that may be agreed to at a meeting of the Villages and the County is not binding on the municipal organization(s) until such time as formal agreement is reached within and by the lawful processes provided for by approved policy, by-law and legislation affecting municipal government of the Province of Nova Scotia.



Village of Aylesford


Village of Cornwallis Square



Village of Kingston


Village of Port Williams


Village of Canning


Village of Greenwood


Village of New Minas


Municipality of the County of Kings