



Nova Scotia

Town of Middleton

Office of the Mayor

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Councillor Geoff Stewart
President, Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities
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Via E-mail: president@unsm.ca

Dear Councillor Stewart:

The Town of Middleton Council took time at its regular Council meeting held on December 18, 2017 to discuss the proposed name change for the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. This came after several members attended the UNSM Fall Conference, and in consideration of the correspondence sent to all municipal units by the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's on this topic.

While understanding the amount of time and effort the Board of Directors and staff of the UNSM put into making strategic and long-lasting decisions for the membership, Town Council also wished to express its concern around the proposed name change to Federation of Nova Scotia Municipalities. The primary concern is around the vernacular in today's popular culture that the acronym may infer to an otherwise professional and integral part of local government in our province.

With all due consideration to the decision-making process, we respectfully suggest the reordering of the words to create a new acronym, that also maintains the term Federation. The new name could be maintained by using "Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities", or NSFPM.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this suggestion and bringing it to the Board of Directors for input at that level.

Sincerely,

Sylvester Atkinson
Mayor

cc Mayors and Wardens, Nova Scotia municipal units