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December 20, 2019

Municipality of Barrington
Attn: Chris Frotten, CAO
PO Box 100
Barrington, NS
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Dear Chris:

Re: Accessibility Advisory Committee

As I'm sure you are aware, Municipalities have been advised that they must form an accessibility committee by April 1, 2020 and have an accessibility plan in place by April 1, 2021.

In 2017 Bill No. 59, "An Act Respecting Accessibility in Nova Scotia", was proclaimed in the Legislature with a goal of making Nova Scotia accessible by 2030. This legislation, once prescribed, will be applicable to municipalities as public bodies. The Act clearly outlines the actions municipalities must take. Some of these actions include:

- Prepare and make publicly available an Accessibility Plan within one year of the Act being enforced.
- Create an Accessibility Advisory Committee with at least one half of the members being persons with disabilities or representatives from organizations which represent persons with disabilities.
- Seek public input to help develop the Plan.

Municipalities, under the Act, may agree to have a joint accessibility plan. Municipalities have limited resources to implement their accessibility priorities and often seek other partners or resources to achieve results.

It is anticipated that staff from recreation, building, community development, administration, and finance will be needed to support the Committee and the development of the Plan. Working together in forming one Accessibility Committee, to develop one Accessibility Plan for Shelburne County, would be an effective use of community and municipal resources.

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Community representatives can be pooled from across the County, making better use of community members/volunteers time and knowledge.

Further to discussion and a motion at our December 9, 2019 Council Meeting, we would like to invite you to consider working together to establish a Joint Municipal Accessibility Committee to develop an Accessibility Plan for all the municipalities in Shelburne County to share staff resources to support the Committee with the development of a Plan to be presented to all the Councils with the goal of adopting the Plan within the one-year time frame imposed by the legislation.

Please share this letter with your Council and advise us of your interest by January 31, 2020.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trudy Payne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Trudy Payne

Chief Administrative Officer