



# Part II Regulations under the Regulations Act

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#### N.S. Reg. 1/2015

Made: December 31, 2014 Filed: January 5, 2015 Petroleum Products Prices

> Order dated December 31, 2014 made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

#### Order

#### NSUARB-GAS-W-15-01

#### In the Matter of the Petroleum Products Pricing Act

- and -

# In the Matter of Prescribing Prices for Petroleum Products pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

Before: Murray E. Doehler, CA, P. Eng., Member

#### Order

Whereas the purpose of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations* is to ensure just and reasonable prices for specified petroleum products taking into consideration the objectives of preserving the availability of such products in rural areas, stabilizing prices of such products and minimizing the variances in prices of such products across the Province;

And whereas the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board ("Board") considered the manner in which it would proceed to set petroleum prices in its decision, 2006 NSUARB 108, issued on October 16, 2006;

And whereas the Board revised the retail margin and transportation allowance effective January 6, 2012, in its decision, 2011 NSUARB 181, issued on November 23, 2011;

And whereas the Board revised the wholesale margin effective January 4, 2013, in its decision, 2012 NSUARB 213, issued on December 12, 2012;

And whereas the average of the average of the daily high and low reported product prices (in Canadian cents) for the week ended December 31, 2014, are:

Grade 1 Regular gasoline	47.3¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	57.2¢ per litre

Now therefore the Board prescribes the benchmark prices for petroleum products to be:

Gasoline:	
Grade 1	47.3¢ per litre
Grade 2	50.3¢ per litre
Grade 3	53.3¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	57.2¢ per litre

And now therefore the Board has determined, based on historical data regarding price changes and to achieve revenue neutrality, it is appropriate to apply, and the Board so orders, forward averaging corrections of:

Gasoline:	minus 2.7¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil:	minus 2.7¢ per litre

And whereas a winter blending adjustment of plus 7.5¢ per litre is required for ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil;

And now therefore the Board prescribes the prices for petroleum products as set forth in Schedule "A" effective on and after 12:01 a.m., January 2, 2015.

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**Dated** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 31st day of December, 2014.

Sgd: *D. Pedlar* Clerk of the Board

# Schedule "A"

#### Prices Prescribed for Petroleum Products under the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations* effective on and after 12:01 a.m. on January 2, 2015

Nova Scotia Petroleum Price Schedule								
Petroleum Prices in Cents/Litre			Self-Service Pump Prices		Full-Service Pump Prices			
				(Pump Prices include <del>s</del> 15% HST)			% HST)	
	Base Wholesale Price	Fed. Excise Tax	Prov. Tax	Wholesale Selling Price	Min	Max	Min	Max
Zone 1								
Regular Unleaded	51.7	10.0	15.5	77.2	94.3	96.4	94.3	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	54.7	10.0	15.5	80.2	97.8	99.8	97.8	999.9
Premium Unleaded	57.7	10.0	15.5	83.2	101.2	103.3	101.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	69.2	4.0	15.4	88.6	107.4	109.5	107.4	999.9
Zone 2								
Regular Unleaded	52.2	10.0	15.5	77.7	94.9	96.9	94.9	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	55.2	10.0	15.5	80.7	98.3	100.4	98.3	999.9
Premium Unleaded	58.2	10.0	15.5	83.7	101.8	103.8	101.8	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	69.7	4.0	15.4	89.1	108.0	110.1	108.0	999.9
Zone 3								
Regular Unleaded	52.6	10.0	15.5	78.1	95.3	97.4	95.3	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	55.6	10.0	15.5	81.1	98.8	100.9	98.8	999.9
Premium Unleaded	58.6	10.0	15.5	84.1	102.2	104.3	102.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	70.1	4.0	15.4	89.5	108.4	110.5	108.4	999.9
Zone 4								
Regular Unleaded	52.7	10.0	15.5	78.2	95.4	97.5	95.4	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	55.7	10.0	15.5	81.2	98.9	101.0	98.9	999.9
Premium Unleaded	58.7	10.0	15.5	84.2	102.4	104.4	102.4	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	70.2	4.0	15.4	89.6	108.6	110.6	108.6	999.9
Zone 5								
Regular Unleaded	52.7	10.0	15.5	78.2	95.4	97.5	95.4	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	55.7	10.0	15.5	81.2	98.9	101.0	98.9	999.9
Premium Unleaded	58.7	10.0	15.5	84.2	102.4	104.4	102.4	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	70.2	4.0	15.4	89.6	108.6	110.6	108.6	999.9
Zone 6								
Regular Unleaded	53.4	10.0	15.5	78.9	96.3	98.3	96.3	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	56.4	10.0	15.5	81.9	99.7	101.8	99.7	999.9
Premium Unleaded	59.4	10.0	15.5	84.9	103.2	105.2	103.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	70.9	4.0	15.4	90.3	109.4	111.4	109.4	999.9

# N.S. Reg. 2/2015

Made: January 8, 2015 Filed: January 9, 2015 Petroleum Products Prices

> Order dated January 8, 2015 made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

#### Order

#### NSUARB-GAS-W-15-02

#### In the Matter of the Petroleum Products Pricing Act

- and -

# In the Matter of Prescribing Prices for Petroleum Products pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

Before: Kulvinder S. Dhillon, P. Eng., Member

#### Order

Whereas the purpose of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations* is to ensure just and reasonable prices for specified petroleum products taking into consideration the objectives of preserving the availability of such products in rural areas, stabilizing prices of such products and minimizing the variances in prices of such products across the Province;

And whereas the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board ("Board") considered the manner in which it would proceed to set petroleum prices in its decision, 2006 NSUARB 108, issued on October 16, 2006;

And whereas the Board revised the retail margin and transportation allowance effective January 6, 2012, in its decision, 2011 NSUARB 181, issued on November 23, 2011;

And whereas the Board revised the wholesale margin effective January 4, 2013, in its decision, 2012 NSUARB 213, issued on December 12, 2012;

And whereas the average of the average of the daily high and low reported product prices (in Canadian cents) for the week ended January 7, 2015, are:

Grade 1 Regular gasoline	44.8¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	55.0¢ per litre

Now therefore the Board prescribes the benchmark prices for petroleum products to be:

Gasoline:	
Grade 1	44.8¢ per litre
Grade 2	47.8¢ per litre
Grade 3	50.8¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	55.0¢ per litre

And now therefore the Board has determined, based on historical data regarding price changes and to achieve revenue neutrality, it is appropriate to apply, and the Board so orders, forward averaging corrections of:

Gasoline:	minus 2.8¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil:	minus 2.1¢ per litre

And whereas a winter blending adjustment of plus 7.4¢ per litre is required for ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil;

And now therefore the Board prescribes the prices for petroleum products as set forth in Schedule "A" effective on and after 12:01 a.m., January 9, 2015.

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Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 8th day of January, 2015.

Sgd: *Elaine Wagner* Clerk of the Board

#### Schedule "A"

#### Prices Prescribed for Petroleum Products under the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations* effective on and after 12:01 a.m. on January 9, 2015

Nova Scotia Petroleum Price Schedule								
Petroleum Prices in Cents/Litre			Self-Service Pump Prices		Full-Service Pump Prices			
			(Pump Prices include <del>s</del> 15% HST)			% HST)		
	Base Wholesale Price	Fed. Excise Tax	Prov. Tax	Wholesale Selling Price	Min	Max	Min	Max
Zone 1								
Regular Unleaded	49.1	10.0	15.5	74.6	91.3	93.4	91.3	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	52.1	10.0	15.5	77.6	94.8	96.8	94.8	999.9
Premium Unleaded	55.1	10.0	15.5	80.6	98.2	100.3	98.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	67.4	4.0	15.4	86.8	105.3	107.4	105.3	999.9
Zone 2								
Regular Unleaded	49.6	10.0	15.5	75.1	91.9	94.0	91.9	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	52.6	10.0	15.5	78.1	95.3	97.4	95.3	999.9
Premium Unleaded	55.6	10.0	15.5	81.1	98.8	100.9	98.8	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	67.9	4.0	15.4	87.3	105.9	108.0	105.9	999.9
Zone 3								
Regular Unleaded	50.0	10.0	15.5	75.5	92.3	94.4	92.3	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	53.0	10.0	15.5	78.5	95.8	97.9	95.8	999.9
Premium Unleaded	56.0	10.0	15.5	81.5	99.2	101.3	99.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	68.3	4.0	15.4	87.7	106.4	108.4	106.4	999.9
Zone 4								
Regular Unleaded	50.1	10.0	15.5	75.6	92.5	94.5	92.5	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	53.1	10.0	15.5	78.6	95.9	98.0	95.9	999.9
Premium Unleaded	56.1	10.0	15.5	81.6	99.4	101.4	99.4	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	68.4	4.0	15.4	87.8	106.5	108.6	106.5	999.9
Zone 5								
Regular Unleaded	50.1	10.0	15.5	75.6	92.5	94.5	92.5	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	53.1	10.0	15.5	78.6	95.9	98.0	95.9	999.9
Premium Unleaded	56.1	10.0	15.5	81.6	99.4	101.4	99.4	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	68.4	4.0	15.4	87.8	106.5	108.6	106.5	999.9
Zone 6								
Regular Unleaded	50.8	10.0	15.5	76.3	93.3	95.3	93.3	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	53.8	10.0	15.5	79.3	96.7	98.8	96.7	999.9
Premium Unleaded	56.8	10.0	15.5	82.3	100.2	102.2	100.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	69.1	4.0	15.4	88.5	107.3	109.4	107.3	999.9

# N.S. Reg. 3/2015

Made: January 9, 2015 Filed: January 12, 2015 Summary Offence Tickets Regulations

> Order dated January 9, 2015 amendment to regulations made by the Attorney General and Minister of Justice pursuant to Section 8 of the *Summary Proceedings Act*

> > Order

# Made under Section 8 of Chapter 450 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the Summary Proceedings Act

I, Lena Metlege Diab, Attorney General and Minister of Justice for the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 450 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Summary Proceedings Act*, hereby

- (a) amend the *Summary Offence Ticket*[*s*] *Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 281/2011, made by order of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice dated October 4, 2011, to designate certain offences under the Region of Queens Municipality by-laws as summary offence ticket offences in the manner set forth in the attached Schedule "A"; and
- (b) order and direct that the penalty to be entered on a summons in respect of an offence set out in amendments to the schedules to the *Summary Offence Tickets Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 281/2011, as set forth in the attached Schedule "A", is the amount of the out of court settlement set out opposite the description for the offence, and includes the charge provided for in, and in accordance with, Sections 8 and 9 of the Act.

This Order is effective on and after the date it is made.

Dated and made January 9th, 2015, at Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.

Sgd: *Lena M. Diab* Honourable Lena Metlege Diab Attorney General and Minister of Justice

# Schedule "A"

# Amendment to the Summary Offence Tickets Regulations made by the Attorney General and Minister of Justice pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 450 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the Summary Proceedings Act

Schedule M-14 to the *Summary Offence Ticket*[*s*] *Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 281/2011, made by Order of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice dated October 4, 2011, is amended, under the heading "Dog By-law - No. 3" by

(a) renumbering items 1 to 4 as items 2 to 5, respectively;

#### N.S. Reg. 4/2015

Made: January 7, 2015Filed: January 12, 2015Dissolution of Town of Bridgetown and annexation to Municipality of the County of Annapolis

Order dated January 7, 2015 order made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board pursuant to Section 399 of the *Municipal Government Act* 

ORDER

#### In the Matter of the Municipal Government Act

-and-

#### In the Matter of an application by the Town of Bridgetown for the Dissolution of the Town

**BEFORE:** Roland A. Deveau, Q.C., Vice-Chair Wayne D. Cochrane, Q.C., Member Kulvinder S. Dhillon, P.Eng., Member

#### **Order for Dissolution**

**Whereas** the Town of Bridgetown ("Town") filed an application under the *Municipal Government Act* with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board ("Board") on May 28, 2014 for a preliminary order for the dissolution of the Town;

And whereas formal standing in this proceeding was granted by the Board to the Municipality of the County of Annapolis ("Municipality") and to Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Nova Scotia as represented by the Department of Municipal Affairs ("Province");

And whereas the Board held a hearing for a preliminary order at the Bridgetown Fire Hall, in Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, on June 26, 2014, to determine, among other matters, which studies should be prepared with

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respect to the application, the timeline for the filing of such studies and information requests, and setting the date for the hearing on the merits;

And whereas the Board issued a preliminary order on July 7, 2014, setting out the timeline for the filing of evidence and information requests, and setting the date for the hearing on the merits;

And whereas in a letter dated November 7, 2014 (Exhibit B-9), the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, ECNS, the Attorney General and Minister of Justice for the Province, approved the continuation of the current RCMP policing model for Bridgetown, such that policing will continue to be provided under the Annapolis County District policing model, as submitted by the RCMP for the Town;

And whereas the Town, the Municipality and the Province executed a Letter of Intent on November 28, 2014, which was filed with the Board on the same date and is attached to this Order as Schedule "A";

And whereas the Board held the hearing on the merits at the said Bridgetown Fire Hall on Monday, December 1, 2014, and heard witnesses on behalf of the parties;

And whereas the Board issued a decision on the application on December 18, 2014;

And whereas, after taking into account the financial implications and the necessity and expediency of the proposed dissolution, the Board finds, on the basis of the evidence before it, that the Town should be dissolved pursuant to s. 399 of the *Municipal Government Act*;

And whereas the Board is satisfied that the provisions contained in the Letter of Intent are reasonable and appropriate and should form the basis of the terms of dissolution, subject to further directions by the Board;

#### It is hereby ordered that:

- 1. The Town of Bridgetown shall be dissolved;
- 2. The dissolution shall be effective April 1, 2015;
- 3. The area comprising the dissolved Town, described in Schedule "B" attached to this Order, shall be annexed to, and form part of, the Municipality of the County of Annapolis;
- 4. Upon dissolution, the assets and liabilities of the Town shall become the assets and liabilities of the Municipality;
- 5. The area of the dissolved Town shall not continue as a village;
- 6. There shall be no adjustment by the Director of Assessment on the assessment roll applicable to the area of the dissolved Town;
- 7. Effective April 1, 2015, and remaining in effect until the councillors elected or acclaimed in the October 2016 municipal election are duly sworn in to take office, Municipal Council will be composed of 12 councillors comprised of the current 11 councillors from the existing polling districts of the Municipality, together with the Town's Mayor representing the area comprising the dissolved Town;
- 8. Effective with the October 2016 municipal election, the combined Municipality will be represented by 11 councillors to be elected from 11 polling districts;
- 9. The Municipality is directed to file an application with the Board no later than June 1, 2015, outlining the proposed boundaries for the 11 polling districts of the combined Municipality, which are to take effect

October 2016;

- 10. Upon dissolution, the Town councillors (including the Mayor) who are members of the Town's utility, boards and commissions shall be replaced by appointments to be made by the Municipality;
- 11. During the next 10 years, the proceeds from the sale of any real or personal property owned by the Town at the time of dissolution shall be held in a special reserve, as set out in the Letter of Intent, and can be used only for purposes associated with the former Town;
- 12. The Town shall promptly provide notice of termination of employment to its employees upon the receipt of this Order for Dissolution;
- 13. Until the dissolution takes effect, the Town shall keep the Municipality informed of its actions respecting the status of its employees and the implementation of the strategy respecting its employees. The Town shall accommodate the reasonable requests of the Municipality in respect of the implementation of the strategy;
- 14. Until the dissolution takes effect, the Municipality shall be permitted to designate one or more of its employees to attend upon the Town's offices, or upon any other of its properties, to observe the Town's operations. For the purposes of this direction, the said employee(s) shall be permitted to receive confidential information held by the Town. Any information so collected shall be kept confidential and disclosed solely with respect to the employee's employment duties with the Municipality and in furtherance of the directives in this Order;
- 15. Upon dissolution, the Municipality shall stand in the place and stead of the dissolved Town for all purposes and has the same powers to collect taxes due to the Town as if the taxes had been imposed by it;
- 16. The policing arrangements for the area of the dissolved Town shall be as described in the letter dated November 7, 2014, of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice for the Province, unless otherwise amended by the said Minister;
- 17. The ownership of, and responsibility for the maintenance of, the roads and streets within the Town boundaries shall be transferred to the Municipality as of April 1, 2015, in accordance with the Letter of Intent;
- 18. To the extent that they do not conflict with any directive in this Order, the provisions contained in the Letter of Intent are hereby incorporated into and form part of this Order. For greater certainty, the Province shall pay the Municipality the following amounts on the terms described:
  - (a) Equalization funding shall be paid to the combined municipal unit over the next five (5) fiscal years (i.e., 2015/16 to 2019/20, inclusive). The amount of equalization funding to be paid to the combined municipal unit shall be no less than the amounts received by the Town and the Municipality in the 2014/15 fiscal year (Bridgetown total equalization funding received in 2014/15: \$206,362; Municipality total equalization funding received in 2014/15: \$604,895). The total amount to be paid over the next five (5) fiscal year period shall not be less than \$4,056,285 to be paid in amounts of \$811,257 annually. At the expiry of this period, the equalization allocation for the combined municipal unit will revert to the applicable provincial formula in effect at that time;
  - (b) Special capital funding of \$1,153,450 to be paid in amounts of \$230,690 annually for infrastructure improvements within the Town, as outlined in the Town of Bridgetown's Infrastructure Studies completed by SNC Lavalin and ABL Environmental Consultants Ltd. This funding can be used to secure additional financial assistance from other programs that are not already part of the Letter of Intent as outlined in the rules and criteria for each program. Moreover, this provision will not be

interpreted, employed, or otherwise exploited, to preclude the Municipality from applying for other funding for its own projects under these programs;

- (c) Funding of \$129,500 annually for five (5) years total[1]ing \$646,500, of which \$457,500 is to be used for capital investments and \$189,000 for operating. This funding is an annual lump sum payment that does not require matching funding from the Municipality;
- (d) Funding for post-transitional expenses according to criteria agreed to by the Province, and subject to provincial approval, of a total commitment by the Province over five (5) years of \$712,500 to be provided in the following manner: Year 1 \$496,500, Year 2 \$151,500, and Years 3 to 5 \$21,500. This funding is for incremental dissolution costs, subject to the reporting requirements outlined under section 5.0 of the Letter of Intent, and not to be used to replace normal operating expenses that would be incurred without dissolution;
- (e) The Department of Municipal Affairs will work with other provincial government departments to request that no present funding programs available to the Town and the Municipality are reduced below current funding levels for the next five (5) fiscal years, where any such reductions are based solely on the dissolution of the Town. This provision does not apply to program or funding changes that are made for reasons other than the Town's dissolution;
- (f) The Town and Municipality acknowledge that \$373,636 has been allocated by the Province for pre[-]dissolution funding and additional funding required exceeding the pre-dissolution budget submitted in June 2014 shall be requisitioned by the Municipality prior to March 31, 2015;
- 19. With respect to the funding provided by the Province, the Municipality shall be subject to the reporting requirements and fiscal auditing set out in Articles 5.0 and 6.0 of the Letter of Intent;
- 20. In the event of any question or disagreement respecting the application or implementation of the directives in this Order or of any matters or things necessary to give effect to the carrying out of the dissolution, the parties shall apply to the Board for further direction;
- 21. The Board reserves the jurisdiction to issue such further orders and directions, and do or cause to be done all such other matters and things as, in its opinion, are necessary or incidental to the carrying out of the dissolution of the Town.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 7th day of January, 2015.

Sgd: *Elaine Wagner* Clerk of the Board

# Schedule "A"

# Letter of Intent

This letter of intent made this 28th day of November, 2014,

# Between:

**Her Majesty the Queen**, in right of the Province of Nova Scotia. as represented by the Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Province");

and

# Municipality of the County of Annapolis (hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality");

and

# Town of Bridgetown (hereinafter referred to as the "Town").

**Whereas** on May 28, 2014, the Town applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) pursuant to Section 394 of the *Municipal Government Act* to dissolve and become part of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis;

**And whereas** the Province of Nova Scotia is supportive of municipal governments that demonstrate leadership for long-term, transformational change, restructuring their governance arrangements to improve efficiency and effectiveness;

**And whereas** in the best interests of the Province, the Municipality, and the Town (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties") in moving the dissolution process forward, the Parties have come to an agreement with respect to post-dissolution financial matters prior to the hearing on the merits;

**Now therefore** in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Letter of Intent, the Parties agree as follows:

#### **1.0 Funding assistance**

- 1.1 The Province will provide the following:
  - (a) Equalization funding shall be paid to the combined municipal unit over the next five (5) fiscal years (i.e. 2015/16 to 2019/20, inclusive). The amount of equalization funding to be paid to the combined municipal unit shall be no less than the amounts received by the Town and the Municipality in the 2014/15 fiscal year (Bridgetown total equalization funding received in 2014/15: \$206,362; Annapolis total equalization funding received in 2014/15: \$604,895). The total amount to be paid over the next five (5) fiscal year period shall not be less than \$4,056,285 to be paid in amounts of \$811,257 annually. At the expiry of this period, the equalization allocation for the combined municipal unit will revert to the applicable provincial formula in effect at that time.
  - (b) Special capital funding of \$1,153,450 to be paid in amounts of \$230,690 annually for infrastructure improvements within the Town, as outlined in the Town of Bridgetown's Infrastructure Studies completed by SNC Lavalin and ABL Environmental Consultants Ltd. This funding can be used to secure additional financial assistance from other programs that are not already part of this Letter of Intent as outlined in the rules and criteria for each program. Moreover, this provision will not be interpreted, employed, or otherwise exploited, to preclude the Municipality from applying for other funding for its own projects under these programs.
  - (c) Funding of \$129,500 annually for five (5) years total[1]ing \$646,500; of which \$457,500 is to be used for capital investments and \$189,000 for operating. This funding is an annual lump sum payment that does not require matching funding from the Municipality.
  - (d) Funding for post-transitional expenses according to criteria agreed to by the Province, and subject to provincial approval, of a total commitment by the Province over five (5) years of \$712,500 to be provided in the following manner: Year 1- \$496,500, Year 2 \$151,500, and Years 3 to 5 \$21,500. This funding is for incremental dissolution costs, subject to the reporting requirements outlined under section 5.0 of this Letter of Intent, and not to be used to replace normal operating expenses that would be incurred without dissolution.

- (e) Work with other provincial government departments to request that no present funding programs available to the Town and the Municipality are reduced below current funding levels for the next five (5) fiscal years, where any such reductions are based solely on the dissolution of the Town. This provision does not apply to program or funding changes that are made for reasons other than the Town's dissolution.
- 1.2 The Town and Municipality acknowledge that \$373,636 has been allocated by the Province for pre-dissolution funding and additional funding required exceeding the pre-dissolution budget submitted in June 2014 shall be requisitioned by the Municipality prior to March 31, 2015.

# 2.0 Other assistance

- 2.1 The Province will work cooperatively with the Municipality to identify funding sources and programs that will assist the Municipality with future program and infrastructure costs as the need arises and upon request of the Municipality.
- 2.2 The Province recognizes that schools constructed prior to 1982 in the Town of Bridgetown may revert back to Municipal ownership, if deemed surplus by the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board. This may result in significant costs for the Municipality. If this were to happen prior to March 31, 2020, the Province will work cooperatively with the Municipality to identify funding sources for schools that are transferred back to the Municipality.

#### 3.0 Town streets

3.1 The Municipality will take over responsibility for all streets, roads, lanes, etc., within the Town as identified in the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Roads Study dated August 2014. In consideration of such, the Province shall provide the Municipality with funding as outlined in Section 1.1(c).

# 4.0 Sale of Town-owned assets

4.1 The Municipality agrees that the proceeds from the sale of any real or personal property within the Town during the next ten (10) years will be held in a special reserve and can be used only for purposes associated with the former Town and catchment area, and, as permissible under legislation, to be used for debt-retirement of the town.

#### 5.0 Reporting requirements

- 5.1 The Municipality will provide the following:
  - (a) An overall budget detailing the manner in which funds disbursed pursuant to this Letter of Intent will be expended by the Municipality.
  - (b) For the first fiscal year following dissolution, a quarterly forecast update including supporting invoices, detailing the manner in which funds disbursed pursuant to this Letter of Intent have been expended by the Municipality. This forecast shall be made in a form mandated by the Province.
  - (c) For each fiscal year thereafter, an annual forecast update including supporting invoices, detailing the manner in which funds disbursed pursuant to this Letter of Intent have been expended by the Municipality. These reports will be provided within sixty (60) days of the end of each fiscal year, and shall be made in a form mandated by the Province.
  - (d) Electronic copies of any and all of the following documents relating to expenditures made from funding disbursed pursuant to this Letter of Intent:
    - i. Requests for Proposals
    - ii. Applicants' submissions to Requests for Proposals

- iii. Monthly bank reconciliations
- iv. Any other records or reports relating to funding provided pursuant to this Letter of Intent as requested by the Province
- 5.2 The Municipality will provide any records and reports requested by the Province pursuant to this Letter of Intent at the Province's request, and within thirty (30) days of any such request.

# 6.0 Fiscal auditing

- 6.1 The Province may, at the cost of the Province, conduct an audit with respect to the use of the funding received for the purposes of this Letter of Intent.
- 6.2 For the purposes of any audit undertaken by the Province, the Municipality will provide, upon request and in a timely manner, to the Province or anyone acting on behalf of the Province:
  - (a) All books, accounts, and financial records held by the Municipality, or by third parties under a contract with the Municipality, relating to this Letter of Intent and the use of funding pursuant to this Letter of Intent.
  - (b) Such further information and/or clarification that the Province or anyone acting on behalf of the Province may request relating to this Letter of Intent or to the use of funds pursuant to this Letter of Intent.
- 6.3 The Municipality shall, at all times, ensure that third parties are obligated to provide to the Province or its authorized representative the books, accounts, records, and other information that are in the third party's possession and that relate to this Letter of Intent or the use of funds pursuant to this Letter of Intent.

#### 7.0 Responsibilities of the Municipality

- 7.1 The Municipality will:
  - (a) Work expediently and in good faith with the Town and the Province to implement the Order of the NSUARB dissolving the Town.
  - (b) Cooperate with the Town and the Province to ensure that the best interests of both the residents of the Town and Municipality are given equal and serious consideration in the delivery of municipal services.
- 7.2 The parties agree to expend the funding disbursed pursuant to this Letter of Intent directly and solely for the purposes outlined in this letter of Intent, and may not use such funding for any other expenses, expenditures, or purpose whatsoever.

#### 8.0 Default of obligations

8.1 In the event that any funding provided pursuant to this Letter of Intent has been used for purposes other than those dictated hereunder, any and all funding provided pursuant hereto is subject to repayment by the Municipality at the sole discretion and on such terms and conditions set by the Province, and any future funding dictated by the terms of this Letter of Intent may also be terminated by the Province at its sole discretion.

#### 9.0 Miscellaneous provisions

- 9.1 This Letter of Intent is not intended to create legally enforceable obligations under statute, common law, equity, or otherwise.
- 9.2 Other than specified within this Letter of Intent, the Province assumes no further financial responsibility for the dissolution of the Town.

9.3 The provisions of this agreement become effective only upon an order by the NSUARB to dissolve the Town within the twelve (12) months following the execution of this Letter of Intent. Should this period expire without the Town dissolving, this Letter of Intent will be null and void.

# 10.0 Non-liability and indemnity

- 10.1 The Province shall not be liable for any claims, actions, suits, damages, costs or expenses arising from:
  - (a) Any injury, death, or damage to property resulting from or arising out of any act or omission of the Municipality, their servants, agents, or contractors, in carrying out any work made possible through the funding provided for in this Letter of Intent.
  - (b) Any loans or any other contractual commitments entered into by the Municipality with any other party or non-party in connection with work made possible through the funding provided for in this Letter of Intent.
- 10.2 The Municipality agrees that they shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the Province, its Ministers, officers, employees, agents, or assigns from and against all claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, actions, suits or other proceedings of any kind based upon injury, including death, to any person, or damage to or loss of property, arising from any willful or negligent act, omission or delay on the part of the Municipality, its servants, agents, or contractors, in carrying out any work made possible through the funding provided for in this Letter of Intent.
- 10.3 The Municipality agrees that they have no authority to bind the Province to any other agreement and the Municipality agrees that they will not hold themselves out as having any authority, express or implied, or on behalf of, the Province.

#### 11.0 Notice

11.1 All notices and communications pursuant to this letter of Intent shall be deemed duly given upon being delivered by hand, or three (3) days after posting or sent by registered mail, to a Party at the following addresses:

For the Province:	For the Municipality:
Deputy Minister	Municipal Clerk
Department of Municipal Affairs	Municipality of the County of Annapolis
Maritime Centre, 14 North	752 George Street
1505 Barrington Street	PO Box 100
Halifax, NS B3J 2M4	Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia BOS IAO

# 12.0 Entire agreement

12.1 This Letter of Intent constitutes the whole agreement between the Parties unless duly modified by the Parties by agreement in writing. Any representation or statement not expressly contained herein shall not be binding upon the Parties.

**In witness whereof** the Parties hereto have executed this Letter of Intent at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, Province of Nova Scotia, Canada on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, in right of the Province of Nova Scotia, as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs
Municipality of the County of Annapolis
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Schedule "B"

The boundaries of the Town of Bridgetown are as follows:

Beginning on the east side line of lands of Avard L. Anderson at the Annapolis River;

**Thence** running north along said line until it comes to a point opposite the north line of lands now or formerly owned by Gilbert Gibson;

**Thence** running west the same course until it reaches the west line of lands formerly owned and occupied by L. A. Dickie, later owned and occupied by "The Valley Pork Farm, Limited";

**Thence** southerly following the said west line of "The Valley Pork Farm, Limited" to the Annapolis River;

**Thence** easterly along the course of the said river to a point opposite the east line on the south side of said river owned and occupied by Frank Fowler;

**Thence** along the said Frank Fowler's east line until it reaches the south boundary line of the Dominion Atlantic Railway lands until it again reaches the Annapolis River;

**Thence** east along the south line of said Dominion Atlantic Railway lands until it again reaches the Annapolis River;

**Thence** across the said river and along the east bank of same by the various courses of the said river to the place of beginning.

**Together with** any adjustments to the above boundaries as contained in N.S. Reg. 81/2006, N.S. Reg. 4/2011, N.S. Reg. 81/2012, N.S. Reg. 32/2000, and any other boundary adjustment authorized by law.

# N.S. Reg. 5/2015

Made: January 13, 2015
Filed: January 13, 2015
Proclamation of amendments to Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, S. 2, S.N.S. 2014, c. 50

Order in Council 2015-8 dated January 13, 2015 Proclamation made by the Governor in Council pursuant to Section 2 of An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated December 16, 2014, and pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 50 of the Acts of 2014, An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, is pleased to order and declare by proclamation that Chapter 50 of the Acts of 2014, An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Chapter 30 of the Acts o

# **PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA**

sgd: J. J. Grant

G/S

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, OR WHOM THE SAME MAY IN ANY WISE CONCERN,

G R E E T I N G:

# A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS in and by Section 2 of Chapter 50 of the Acts of 2014, An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, it is enacted as follows:

2 This Act has effect on and after April 1, 2014, upon the Governor in Council so ordering and declaring by proclamation.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that Chapter 50 of the Acts of 2014, An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, do come into force on and after April 1, 2014;

NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, do by this Our Proclamation order and declare that Chapter 50 of the Acts of 2014, *An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, do come into force on and after April 1, 2014, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

- IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Nova Scotia to be hereunto affixed.
- WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well Beloved His Honour Brigadier-General, the Honourable J. J. Grant (Retired), Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia.
- AT Our Government House in the Halifax Regional Municipality, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen and in the sixtythird year of Our Reign.

# BY COMMAND:

**sgd: Lena Metlege Diab** Provincial Secretary Minister of Justice and Attorney General