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**Mr. Allison Gillis
Warden
Municipality of Cumberland
Upper Nappan Service Centre
1395 Blair Lake Road
Upper Nappan, NS B4H 3Y4**

Dear Warden Gillis:

Thank you for your letter dated September 6, 2019, regarding a reallocation of funds approved under the Letter of Intent agreed to on March 17, 2016, between the Province, the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, and the (former) Town of Parrsboro.

You have indicated that Council has made recommendations for reallocation which would impact six areas of transition funding. The table provided in your letter shows the reallocation request to be a total of \$361,000 and details where these funds would be reallocated from.

Additionally, you have indicated that Council has confidence that this proposed reallocation will help address the 2019/2020 debt servicing costs associated with a reduction to the sewer charge for the residents of the community of Parrsboro without having a negative impact on the six identified areas.

I am agreeable to the plan you have proposed and approve your request; however, as noted in previous correspondence, the Department has not received the required reporting from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland for the past two years. As a result, more than \$3.4 million is still to be released. I encourage you to prioritize this reporting and work with the Department to submit these reports without further delay.

Sincerely,

**Original signed
by
Chuck Porter**

**Chuck Porter
Minister**

c: K. Cox-Brown, Director, Municipal Finance and Operating Grants, DMAH