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Ronnie LeBlanc, Warden
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Dear Warden Leblanc:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2019, with your feedback regarding the proposed new library funding formula.

I have noted your concern about the lack of municipal representation in the development of the new funding model.

You raised an important point about the significant capital investment your municipality contributes, in addition to the required remittance under the Nova Scotia Libraries Act, to enhance library services in your area. And, I appreciate your concern about the added pressure that an increase to your municipal contribution to libraries would have on your municipality with the implementation of a new funding model.

I assure you that before any final decisions are made on a new library funding formula, the department will be carefully reviewing the valuable feedback received from the municipalities. As well, since the amount required in the proposed funding model will be an increase to current amounts required in the Libraries Act Funding Regulations, a one-year notice is required for municipalities by April 1, as per the Municipal Government Act. Therefore, a new funding model would not take effect until 2020-21.

I recognize that this is a complex issue and appreciate your input into the process, as well as your diligence in ensuring that the libraries you represent obtain the best funding scenario possible.

Sincerely,



Tracey Taweel
Deputy Minister

Cc Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

