



# Nova Scotia Provincial Housing Agency

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Dear Eddie Nickerson,

Thank you for your inquiry. I am the Executive Director of Client Services for the Nova Scotia Provincial Housing Agency, and I am responding to your letter on behalf of Minister John Lohr.

We are aware of the reduction of public housing in the Barrington area. Unfortunately, we could no longer house tenants in the Port Latour properties because of ongoing well water issues. The families were relocated to other public housing units. I recognize that those changes impact the area's waitlist for family housing, in particular.

To that end, we are currently looking at other opportunities to create more public housing in the area. You may also be aware that we recently announced 25 modular units for communities across the province, on top of 222 public housing units announced in September 2023. We know there is a need for more.

In the meantime, we are focusing on moving people off the waitlist sooner through initiatives such as over housing policy which means we are opening up larger units for families by transferring singles or couples living in multi-bedroom units to one-bedroom units. And we are turning units around more quickly than ever before through the creation of a unit turnaround team in each district. This has resulted in shortening the time waiting for public housing, on average, by four months.

Thank you again for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Pam Menchenton  
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