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Mr. Chris Frotten  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipality of the District of Barrington  
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Dear Mr. Frotten:

To protect the health of Canadians, all governments need to continue to work together effectively to manage the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic. I know municipalities are on the frontlines, and to safely restart the economy, municipalities need to continue to put in place appropriate precautions to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and manage public spaces and critical services, such as public transit.

In partnership with the Government of Canada, the Province, through the Safe Restart Agreement (SRA), has provided \$67.5 million to support municipalities with COVID-19 operating costs. The SRA funding will provide much-needed support for the District of Barrington's pressures, estimated to reach approximately \$128,257 based on a survey conducted by the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.

The Municipality has received \$131,420 under the SRA.

The SRA funding is to help the Municipalities:

- address increased operating costs resulting from a reduction in revenue due to COVID-19;
- continue to implement social distancing and infection prevention and control protocols required to operate facilities, public spaces and effectively deliver services to citizens;
- support safe transit operations and innovative solutions required to adjust to modified capacity; and
- acquire additional PPE.

Should you have any questions, please contact Bongsun Cho-MacDonald, Manager of Municipal Finance, at (902) 424-4961.

Sincerely,

Chuck Porter  
Minister

c: **Warden and Council**  
Bongsun Cho-MacDonald, Manager of Municipal Finance, DMAH