

THE TOWN OF
ANTIGONISH

January 26, 2024

Dear Council,

I am writing to provide a recommendation to Council after reviewing the letter from Minister Lohr on January 26. Based on the experience for both staff and Council at the October 20, 2022 Special Council meeting on Consolidation, I am recommending that Tuesday's meeting be held virtually.

A virtual meeting would eliminate the safety concerns I have for both staff and council. The environment in Council Chambers during the last meeting related to consolidation was intimidating and as outgoing CAO I have a duty to protect the wellbeing of staff who would be present and Councillors.

A virtual meeting would still allow the public to be able to attend via link. Town staff will also be able to support any Councillors who require technical support. This path forward has been endorsed by Municipal Affairs staff.

Sincerely,



Jeff Lawrence