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Mr. Leland Anthony, Warden
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth
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Dear Warden Anthony:

Thank you for your letter of March 25, 2020, regarding the continuation of discussions on consolidation in Yarmouth County.

We very much appreciate your offer to continue the consolidation dialogue, but we believe that it would be more productive to have these conversations following the municipal elections in October. We do not want to start down the path of a potential consolidation if it will not be supported by the new councils in the region.

In the meantime, I would encourage you to continue your own discussions with the Municipality of the District of Argyle and the Town of Yarmouth. I expect that all parties have a number of concerns that must be addressed prior to consolidation, and I would encourage you to have these conversations in the coming months. Also, I understand that there are a number of councillors who participated in the recent discussions who did not feel as though they had enough information to make an informed decision with respect to consolidation. Please take this time to seek out answers to these questions. If the Department is able to assist in addressing any of these concerns, please let us know.

We look forward to working with the new councils in Yarmouth County on the issue of consolidation and building on the work that has already been done.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your Municipal Advisor, Marilynn Hay, at 902-223-5390.

I hope that you, your family and friends are healthy and safe at this time.

Sincerely,

Chuck Porter
Minister

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