November 17, 2025

Warden and Council Municipality of the District of Argyle 5 JE Hatfield Ct., Tusket, NS B0W 3M0

Re: Funding Request for the Community Navigator Project (2026-2028)

Dear Warden and Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Yarmouth Region Medical Professional Recruitment Partnership, overseen by the Yarmouth & Area Chamber of Commerce, to respectfully request continued funding support for the Community Navigator Project for the upcoming three-year term (2026-2028).

The Community Navigator Project has played an important role in supporting the recruitment and retention of physicians and medical learners in our region. By assisting newcomers with housing, community connections, cultural integration, and access to local resources, the project strengthens the overall experience of medical professionals and learners coming to the Yarmouth region, while also fostering a rewarding experience and strong retention for those already practicing here. This work contributes directly to a stable and inclusive health-care environment that benefits residents throughout the municipality.

The project also supports local economic activity. Through orientation activities, settlement assistance, and community engagement, we work closely with local businesses and service providers, including tourism operators, food establishments, and other essential sectors. These partnerships ensure that project participants experience the region's strengths while also returning economic activity back into the communities that invest in this work.

As part of our request, we note that the outlined outcomes and impacts of the project, delivered to Council separately, highlight both our achievements and the ongoing challenges we are prepared to face with your continued support.

Over the current funding term (2023-2025), the Municipality of the District of Argyle has generously contributed \$30,000 per year. We would be grateful for continued support at the same level or higher, should Council deem an increased contribution appropriate. Multi-year funding ensures stability for the project and allows us to maintain consistent, culturally aware support for both Canadian-trained and internationally trained physicians.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to strengthening health-care attraction and retention, community integration, and local economic vitality throughout the Yarmouth region.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Community Navigator Oversight Committee