

November 25, 2025

Dear CAOs:

I am following up regarding the recent correspondence from Honourable John A. MacDonald to Mayors, Wardens and Chiefs to provide additional context regarding the municipal financial data shared. Data in the Minister's letter included population, revenue and per capita for all communities.

A summary of the municipal data sources is listed below:

**Population Data**

- Municipal population: Data source – Statistics Canada, [July 1, 2024 population estimates](#) (as of January 16, 2025), by census subdivision (2021 boundaries), except for the Town of Mahone Bay, which used July 1, 2023 estimates.

**Consolidated Revenue Data**

- Municipal revenue: Data source – 2023-24 Consolidated Revenue per the Financial Information Return (FIR), except for the Town of Mahone Bay which uses the most recent 2022-23 Consolidated Revenue.

These data sets can also be found in the draft 2023-24 Municipal Profile and Financial Condition Indicator Reports recently sent to your municipalities for review.

Please review the figures for your municipality and advise Bongsun Cho-MacDonald, Manager of Municipal Finance at [Bongsun.Cho-MacDonald@novascotia.ca](mailto:Bongsun.Cho-MacDonald@novascotia.ca) if you identify any discrepancies.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Hardy Stuckless, Executive Director, Municipal Infrastructure and Finance