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Dear Municipality:

I am pleased to announce that Environment and Climate Change has launched a 60-day public engagement on creating goals under the Sustainable Development Goals Act and a new Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth. The engagement runs from May 27 to July 26, 2021.

I would like to encourage you to consider sharing with your residents. We want to hear from as many Nova Scotians as possible. We're extremely interested in hearing their ideas, their visions, and are committed to having those voices help form the direction for government. Our team is making a concerted effort to reach out to as many people as possible through a variety of avenues. In particular, it's important to hear from communities that haven't always been included in past policy discussions, such as Black, Indigenous, and low-income communities.

We have partnered with the Clean Foundation to help coordinate the engagement process. There are a number of ways to engage, including public Zoom sessions, a do-it-yourself kit for groups and communities to facilitate their own discussions, as well as email, mail, and phone submissions. More details are available at www.CleanFuture.ca.

I would also like to encourage you to reach out to our team here at Environment and Climate Change. To that end, please feel free to contact Jason Hollett, our Associate Deputy Minister of Climate Change. He can be reached at iason.hollett@novascotia.ca.

Preparing our municipalities for the impacts of climate change while creating a cleaner and more inclusive economy is essential. We need all communities to be involved. I look forward to learning more about your ideas on how we can build a better Nova Scotia together.

Sincerely,

Keith Irving, MLA

Minister of Environment and Climate Change