



Lunenburg Campus

April 23, 2018

Privy Council Office
Attn: Impact and Innovation Unit
Room 1000
85 Sparks Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3

Re: Support for Town of Bridgewater Smart Cities Challenge Grant Application

To the Smart Cities Challenge jury panel,

This is a letter confirming the full support and confidence of the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC), Lunenburg Campus in the Town of Bridgewater to address energy poverty by pursuing the Smart Cities Challenge grant.

The NSCC is committed to building Nova Scotia's economy and quality of life through education and innovation. Serving the province through a network of 13 campuses, the College offers over 100 programs in five academic schools, reflecting labour market needs and opportunities in Nova Scotia.

The NSCC Lunenburg Campus has collaborated with the Town of Bridgewater on a number of occasions. Most recently, we worked with the Town on its Community Energy Initiative, which in turn led to another partnership involving the Clean Foundation to help educate local contractors on how to properly construct and renovate homes to a net zero energy rating. Our staff and students in different programs like Heritage Carpentry and Natural Resource Environmental Technology are always looking for ways to offer their expertise through our applied learning initiatives, which lend themselves well to these types of partnerships.

The NSCC is focused on making a community impact, as it is one of the four pillars of its strategic plan. The Town of Bridgewater's dedication to eliminating energy poverty will do nothing but benefit its residents and the community as a whole. We support the efforts by the Town to improve energy affordability and housing conditions, while allowing for inclusion and empowerment of marginalized and vulnerable families. This will create new economic opportunities, as well as increased environmental quality helping all of us prosper in a healthy community.

The NSCC Lunenburg Campus is pleased to be able to continue our partnership with the Town of Bridgewater on initiatives like the Smart Cities Challenge. If selected for this grant, it would be a significant contribution to our efforts of ending energy poverty in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Blair Lipsett", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Blair Lipsett
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