

105B Walker St., Truro, NS, B2N 4B1

March 17, 2021

Mayor Christine Blair Municipality of the County of Colchester 1 Church St. Truro, NS, B2N 3Z5

Re: 2021/2022 Commercial Taxes

Dear Mayor Christine Blair,

The past year has delivered unprecedented challenges for businesses in Colchester and across the province. The Board of Directors of the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce would like to offer our gratitude for the support that you and your council has offered to business and residents of Colchester.

While optimism lies ahead with the progressive delivery and administration of vaccines, businesses still face challenges as government restrictions persist and support programs diminish. Businesses are continuing to evolve and transition to changing consumer purchasing habits that arose from the pandemic, with many likely to remain even when restrictions ease.

As your council debates priorities for the upcoming fiscal period, and budgets are being crafted, we would ask that strong consideration be given to maintaining the commercial tax rates at their existing levels. We understand that there are many needs and wants in the region, however we feel that business has been unduly harmed this past year and any break they can receive would be welcome and go along ways towards ensuring the sustainability.

Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sherry Martelt

Sherry Martell Executive Director Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce

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