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//via email//

Re: Follow up on essential modernization of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Privacy Review Officer Act*

Dear Premier Rankin and Ministers Delorey and Maguire,

I write to you in furtherance of my March 25, 2021 letter wherein I asked whether there were any plans to modernize the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP)*, the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Privacy Review Officer Act*.

I was pleased to read in Premier Rankin's [mandate letter](#) to Minister Delorey the direction to create an advisory committee to conduct a review of *FOIPOP* and its related legislation and to make recommendations on how it can be modernized. This is a positive step forward for Nova Scotians.

I encourage the consideration of implementing an independent review committee that would seek public stakeholder input, including from my office. My office is willing to provide feedback and updated recommendations arising since the issuance of our special report entitled [Accountability for the Digital Age: Modernizing Nova Scotia's Access and Privacy Laws](#).

I will post this and my previous letter to our website, as well as share this good news through social media and in my annual report to inform Nova Scotians about this positive development.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tricia Ralph". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tricia" being more prominent than the last name "Ralph".

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- c. Justin Huston, Deputy Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs
Candace Thomas, Deputy Minister, Department of Justice
Laura Lee Langley, Deputy Minister, Office of the Premier