

## **Resolution for consolidation discussion**

The following Operative Clause captures a) the units involved; b) that PNS facilitates the joint session; c) puts in a timeline for the preliminary discussion to occur:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality submit a formal request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Nova Scotia to coordinate a facilitated session between the Councils for the Municipality of the District of Argyle, the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, and the Town of Yarmouth, to discuss the potential consolidation of the three Municipal Units, such session to be held within the next 45 days.

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Recognizing that the reasons behind the request in the operative clause will be particular to each Municipal Unit, and they may not even choose to include any 'whereas' at all, here is some sample language which they might be interested in looking at:

WHEREAS the Councils for the Municipality of the District of Argyle, the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, and the Town of Yarmouth recognize the critical importance of regional cooperation to the growth and prosperity of the region; and,

WHEREAS Council values the importance of building on past efforts for regional cooperation and understands that further collaboration benefits all residents of the region; and,

WHEREAS the Councils for the said Municipalities agree that discussions should take place with each other to explore opportunities for structural change, and that these discussions would be most productive if coordinated and facilitated by representatives of the Province of Nova Scotia;