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Mayor David Kogon, MD
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Dear Mayor Kogon:

Thank you for your letter of February 25.

The decision to relocate the RCMP Operational Communications Centre (OCC) followed an extensive feasibility study and months of follow-up work to determine the future of the OCC given that its current building in Truro is reaching the end of its lifespan. Our focus during the study and throughout the decision-making process was on the health and safety of our employees, operational requirements and fiscal responsibility.

The senior management team, myself included, did not take this decision lightly. This is why we asked for a comprehensive assessment of the options prior to moving forward with a decision. Based on the information gathered, relocation to "H" Division Headquarters struck the best balance of employee health and safety, operational requirements and fiscal responsibility.

The RCMP OCC is one of four 911 Public Safety Access Points in Nova Scotia. As such, it has redundancy in place and contingency plans for E911 should a PSAP ever be non-operational. Contingency plans for "H" Division RCMP include a back up RCMP OCC and portable equipment that would allow us to restart operations should both the primary and back up OCC be non-operational regardless of the location of either.

Should you have questions on the above, please be sure to contact me.

Yours truly,

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