

**Direction of the Minister
under a Declared State of Emergency**

(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)

20-003

During the Provincial State of Emergency I declared Province-wide on March 22, 2020, having satisfied myself that it is necessary for the protection of property and the health or safety of persons in the Province, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, **effective as of 6:00 am on March 27, 2020**, I direct the following:

1. That any municipally operated public transit system, including in the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, is an essential service required to operate during this state of emergency and the municipality must continue to provide at least the minimum level of public transit system service necessary for employees to continue to work and people to continue to have access to services and goods.

Please note that this Direction is in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*, and any other Directions issued under the *Emergency Management Act*.

A failure to comply with this Direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.

This Direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency, including any renewal periods made by the Minister and approved by Governor in Council under Section 19 of the *Emergency Management Act*, unless it is terminated in writing earlier.

Dated March 26, 2020.

Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing