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MINISTER'S DIRECTIVE

WHEREAS under the Nova Scotia *Police Act*, the Minister of Justice is the constituted authority for the administration of justice within the Province and is responsible to ensure an adequate and effective level of policing is maintained throughout the Province;

AND WHEREAS under the Nova Scotia *Police Act*, the Minister shall promote the preservation of peace, the prevention of crime, the efficiency of police services and the improvement of police relationships with communities within the Province;

AND WHEREAS for the purposes of so doing, the Minister may issue a directive to police pursuant to section 5 of the Nova Scotia *Police Act*;

AND WHEREAS it is in the interest of public safety that all police forces of jurisdiction operating in the Province meet a pre-determined standard of operation;

I, BARBARA ADAMS, MINISTER OF JUSTICE FOR NOVA SCOTIA DO HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIVE to all municipal police agencies and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in their capacity as the Provincial Police, across the Province:

DIRECTIVE:

1. The Nova Scotia Policing Standards, as may be amended from time to time, represent the minimum acceptable standards to which all police agencies operating in the Province are mandated to follow.
2. Police agencies in the Province may differ in how the Policing Standards are operationalized, but in no case is an agency exempt from meeting the Policing Standards.
3. For greater certainty, nothing in this Directive eliminates or replaces obligations and duties prescribed in the *Police Act*.
4. Senior leadership in all municipal police forces and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police shall:
 - a. ensure that police officers at all levels adhere to this Directive;
 - b. ensure that police officers at all levels receive all information and direction necessary to adhere to this Directive.

THIS DIRECTIVE is effective upon signing.

THIS DIRECTIVE shall be in place until further notice and may be amended, revoked or replaced by me at any time.

DATED this 17 day of Sept, 2024.

**Barbara Adams
Minister of Justice**