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The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated June 4, 2026, and pursuant to Section 277B of Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* (the “Act”), is pleased to make new regulations setting criteria and factors to be considered by the Minister when issuing orders under Section 223B of the Act, in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the Report and Recommendation, effective on and after July 14, 2026.

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Schedule “A”

Regulations Respecting Criteria and Factors to be Considered by the Minister when Issuing Orders under Section 223B made by the Governor in Council under Section 277B of Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*

Citation

- 1** These regulations may be cited as the *Order Criteria and Factors Regulations*.

Definitions

- 2** In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*;

“order” means an order that the Minister may issue under Section 223B of the Act to extend or alter an urban service area;

“urban service area” means an urban service area as defined in Section 223B of the Act.

Criteria and factors for issuing orders

- 3** **(1)** Before issuing an order, the Minister must consider whether the extension or alteration of the urban service area is related to any of the following:
- (a) materially increasing housing supply;
 - (b) supporting major employment growth;
 - (c) removing barriers to significant economic development opportunities;
 - (d) advancing provincial population growth objectives.
- (2)** The Minister must not issue an order unless it is proposed by 1 of the following:
- (a) the Municipality;

- (b) a department of the provincial government;
 - (c) a Crown agency;
 - (d) another provincial authority.
- (3)** In the order, the Minister must state that extending or altering the urban service area does not include a requirement that the Municipality service the area or require or guarantee infrastructure servicing in the area.