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8 Cities response to the 2020-2021 Provincial Budget

(Fredericton, March 12th, 2020) - The Cities of New Brunswick Association understands the importance of practicing fiscal restraint and balanced budget, but we can not ignore that there is huge missed opportunity in not financially supporting the critical role that municipalities have on the economic growth of this Province.

To begin growing our province again is through strengthening our cities. We need to change our thinking on how infrastructure is built and how services are delivered. Important investment in housing, water and waste water treatment systems, and other forms of vital infrastructure is key to creating good jobs and promoting full economic recovery. The province should not leave federal dollars on the table and instead identify and make investments in infrastructure that provide the foundation for a strong economy, « These delays will have a dramatic impact on the Cities economies and our ability to help keep driving New Brunswick's economy and population growth forward » says Adam Lordon, president of the Cities of New Brunswick Association and Mayor of Miramichi.

We encourage the government to take further action to ensure that our Cities are provided a level of equality that allows them to continue to grow and prosper – to the benefit of all New Brunswickers. «We need to move quickly in implementing key changes to municipal governance, property taxation and necessary supporting legislation that will give cities the ability to participate in decision-making that directly affects their costs, growth opportunities and residential tax rates. » says Mayor Lordon.

Cities of New Brunswick Association is a non-profit organisation representing all the 8 cities of NB. These 8 cities are united for a sustainable future « Strong Cities Strong Province ».

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