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Mr. Premier :

The 8 Cities of New Brunswick are pleased that the New Brunswick government has taken the necessary steps by declaring a state of emergency to enhance measures to help contain the spread of COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus) as well as announcing assistance to support New Brunswick businesses and employees.

Although it is difficult to determine the exact impact the coronavirus will have on the Province's economy, it is clear the impact will be substantial and pervasive. As these strange times continue to evolve, the Cities are doing their due diligence to ensure that their employees and citizens comply to the necessary measures in place for social distancing. We are also being pro-active in trying to track the financial impacts these changes are having on our cities. Even if the tide turns quickly and the virus's spread is curtailed, its impact will likely be long-lasting.

The cities of New Brunswick Association is ready to stand with the Provincial government to work towards a financial economic plan post COVID-19. With the pandemic potentially triggering a global economic slowdown, leaders from all three levels of government need to work together in developing a plan moving forward that will stimulate economic growth with long lasting effects.

The Cities of New Brunswick is asking to be part of the conversations and planning towards rebuilding our economy post COVID-19 in the month ahead, to ensure the solutions that are developed will properly address the impacts on municipalities and local business communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you and your staff.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Lordon'.

Adam Lordon, President
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