



Tim Houston, CPA
MLA Pictou East
Leader, PC Party of Nova Scotia

Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

August 10, 2020

Dear Rt. Hon. Prime Minister,

On August 5, your government announced the availability of \$3.3 billion being earmarked for provinces for COVID-19 infrastructure. It was specifically noted that that infrastructure included schools, hospitals, and long-term care properties.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of these types of investments in our long-term future and in public safety.

As you may recall, I wrote to you on July 23 seeking support for an investment in long-term care infrastructure in Nova Scotia. Our plan would see the province building approximately 2,500 new single bedrooms and called on the federal government to support this initiative by funding the opening of an additional 1,000 single bedrooms.

The cost to the federal government of our proposal was approximately \$355 million. The Federal share would be spread over three years as follows: \$33 million in year one; \$162 million in year two; and \$161 million in year three.

Now that your government has clearly assigned funds to projects like this, I am writing once again to emphasize the urgent need for investment in long-term care in Nova Scotia. It is my intention to commit to a system-wide change that would see more single room beds, more staff and a new level of government-funded care.

For your awareness, I am enclosing with this letter a copy of our entire plan and presentation so that you can see the vision we have for seniors in this province and what is possible.

I look forward to hearing from you on how we can truly show our seniors that they are respected and ensure all levels of government treat them with the dignity they deserve.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim", with a long horizontal stroke above the letters.

Tim Houston
Leader, Progressive Conservative
Party of Nova Scotia

Cc: Minister of Seniors, Hon. Deb Shulte
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Hon. Catherine McKenna
Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Randy Delorey
Minister of Seniors (Nova Scotia), Hon. Leo Glavine

Enclosures (2)

Dignity for our Seniors- presentation
LTC Plan