

August 25, 2021

Mr. Craig Pollett
Chief Executive Officer
Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador

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Dear Mr. Pollett:

I am pleased to advise that under the authority of subsection 20(1) of the *Public Procurement Regulations*, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has provided approval to allow municipalities to use opportunities provided through the buying group Canoe Procurement Canada (previously known as Rural Municipalities of Alberta buying group).

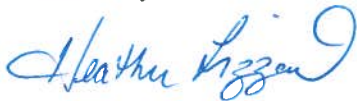
Please note that this approval is subject to Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) ensuring that the procurement processes employed by Canoe Procurement Canada are undertaken in accordance with subsection 20(2) of the *Public Procurement Regulations*; specifically, that the procurement approach used must employ an open and transparency process in accordance with the Public Procurement Framework.

Further, per subsection 20(3) of the *Regulations*, municipalities must maintain records of their procurements via Canoe Procurement Canada and must make those records available to the chief procurement officer upon request.

Finally, MNL is reminded of municipalities' obligations under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement relating to the use of buying groups, particularly Chapter Five, Article 504: Scope and Coverage, *Buying Groups*.

Should you have any questions relating to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



HEATHER TIZZARD
Chief Procurement Officer

cc: Brad Power, Director of Programs, MNL