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Dear Dr. Prince:

Please accept the attached documents as the January 15, 2026 Interim Progress Report submission from the Province of Nova Scotia.

The Interim Progress Report provides an update on the expected status of this year's outcomes as of the end of year three (March 31, 2026) covering each aspect of Appendix A Year 3 of the Interim Settlement Agreement. It also identifies any area where the province anticipates not being in exact compliance by March 31, 2026 and steps being taken to ensure compliance in substance or substantial progress.

Outcomes from the Year Two Progress Report that were not identified as being in exact compliance or sufficient progress by the Monitor are reported on in one of two ways:

1. Year three outcomes that are a continuation of a year two outcome

For example, for year three outcome #6: "*Complete External Evaluation team report on individual outcomes*" which is a continuation of year two outcome #18 "*External evaluation team commences individual outcomes monitoring with agreed new tool*", the connection between these two outcomes is identified in the year three table under outcome #6 and a summary of the expected status as of March 31, 2026 is provided.

2. Year two outcomes that are not continued into year three

There is only one such outcome (*DSP Regional Multidisciplinary Mental Health/Health Teams and Supports operational*), an update on which is provided at the end of the year three table.

Work is underway to implement the recommendations from the 2025 Monitor's Report. As per the Monitor's recommendation, provincial representatives have been meeting regularly with the Disability Rights Coalition (DRC) on emerging issues and opportunities related to implementation of the Remedy and arrive at consensus on how best to address these recommendations. A detailed summary of actions taken will be included in the 2026 Annual Progress Report.

We are scheduled to meet with DRC members following the submission of this report to address questions and advance a number of shared priorities and joint initiatives. The insight and lived experience of Nova Scotians with disabilities continue to shape this transformation and create a better future for Nova Scotians with disabilities.

While there continues to be lots of work ahead of us, I am buoyed by the strides made since the last Interim Report thanks to the hard work, commitment and collaboration of participants, families, advocates, service providers, elected leaders and provincial staff.

I look forward to sharing more with you in our May report – and to the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,



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