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**Department of Municipal Affairs**

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Mr. Colin J. MacDonald  
Town Clerk-Treasurer  
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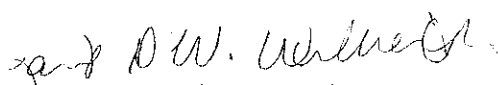
Dear Mr. MacDonald:

RE: AMENDMENT TO MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS BY-LAW - SMOKE DETECTORS

This by-law, requiring that owners of buildings over one dwelling unit install smoke detectors, was passed at a meeting of town council held on May 5, 1981. The Minister of Municipal Affairs has approved this by-law and I return a copy bearing his approval dated June 12, 1981.

You are aware that the by-law has been the subject of correspondence between myself and Mr. Evans. You appreciate that what you are requiring is not inexpensive, and is probably not easy to obtain. I still have doubt about the validity of the by-law, and the Minister has therefore approved it for such validity as it may have.

Yours very truly,

  
Janet D. W. Willwerth  
Departmental Solicitor

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Encl.

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Council of the Town of Port Hawkesbury, that By-Law 15, the Minimum Housing Standards By-Law is hereby amended as follows:

1. Sections 8 and 9 of the said By-Law are renumbered Sections 9 and 10 respectively.
2. Said By-Law is further amended by adding the following Section:

8.1 The owner of every rooming-house and of every building containing more than one dwelling unit shall provide and maintain in each common hallway, on the ceiling of each floor adjacent to the stairways and in the basement or cellar adjacent to the stairways smoke alarms conforming to ULS-S531-1978, "Standard for Smoke Alarms".

8.2 Smoke alarms shall be installed by permanent connections to an electrical circuit and shall have no disconnect switch between the overcurrent device and the smoke alarm. The smoke alarms shall be wired so that the activation of one alarm will cause all alarms within the building to sound.

8.3 The owner of every building to which this section applies shall comply with the provisions of this section within one year of the said section being approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS	
Recommended for approval of the Minister	
<i>and D.W. Wilkerson</i> Departmental Solicitor	
APPROVED this <u>12<sup>th</sup></u> day	
of <u>June</u> 19 <u>81</u>	
<i>[Signature]</i> Minister of Municipal Affairs	

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the by-law of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly passed at a duly called meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Port Hawkesbury duly held on the 5th day of May, A.D., 1981.

Given under the hand of the Town Clerk and under the corporate seal of the Town of Port Hawkesbury this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 1981.

*[Signature]*  
TOWN CLERK