

December 12, 2007

Hon. Dave Denine  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
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Dear Minister,

I'd like to thank you and your officials for meeting with my colleagues, Dan Kelly and Leanne Hachey, and me on December 6, 2007. We appreciate you taking the time to review our presentation on BizPal and our members' priorities for Budget 2008-09.

I am very happy that you, like many of your colleagues, feel BizPal is a very positive initiative for both Newfoundland and Labrador entrepreneurs and governments (local and provincial). I thank you for your advice on how our local governments could best implement BizPal, and I look forward to working closely with you and your officials as BizPal moves forward.

My colleagues and I were excited by your offer to provide input into how the provincial government should best address the issue of funding our municipalities. I assure you we plan to use our organization's expertise on municipal issues to bring forward progressive proposals for your consideration. I look forward to meeting with you in the coming months on this issue.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to meet with CFIB. Should you wish to meet to discuss BizPal, or any other issue, please call me at any time.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By:**

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Director of Provincial Affairs