Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board

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Board Staff Changes – Automobile Insurance Mandate

The Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board announces the retirement of its Managing Director, Advisory Services, Barry Cotnam, effective November 30, 2026. The Nova Scotia Insurance Review Board, whose responsibilities were assumed by this Board, hired Barry in 2004. Barry led the Board's automobile insurance rate regulation mandate from the staff perspective, conducting reviews of rate applications and developing rate filing requirements since 2008.

Barry represented the Board with the Canadian Automobile Insurance Rate Regulators Association (CARR), contributing to the growth and success of the organization in many volunteer roles, including a two-year period as Chair.

Barry provided dedicated service to the Board and to stakeholders throughout the insurance industry. On behalf of the Board, I extend our sincere appreciation to Barry for his many contributions and exemplary public service. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Jack Forsythe, ASA, ACIA was recently engaged as the Board's Senior Advisor, Automobile Insurance. Effective November 24, 2026, Jack will assume responsibility as the Board's primary advisor for matters relating to automobile insurance regulation and filings.

Industry participants are asked to direct future automobile insurance inquiries and correspondence to:

> Jack Forsythe, Senior Advisor, Automobile Insurance
> Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board
> Jack.Forsythe@novascotia.ca

To ease the transition, Jack should be copied on any correspondence that would normally go to Barry. Rate filing applications should continue to be sent to the Board Clerk through the proper channel using the "Send Files to the Board" link on the Board website.

The Board looks forward to continuing its productive relationship with industry stakeholders and appreciates your cooperation during this transition.

Julia E. Clark, LL.B., Vice Chair
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