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Neill McKay, Director, Policy and Legislation
Department of Health, Government of New Brunswick
HSBC Place, P. O. Box 5100
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Dear Mr McKay,

RE: Proposed Amendments to *Food Premises Regulation* under the *Public Health Act*

Thank you for your correspondence on 4 October 2019 in response to our letter regarding prorating annual restaurant licensing fees to Minister Flemming from earlier this year.

We are pleased that the Department of Health has accepted our recommendation and intends to move forward with changes to *Food Premises Regulation* under the *Public Health Act* to provide for the quarterly proration of food licensing fees for new food premises. Our organization supports the amendment as proposed on the GNB Public Review of Draft Regulations website. We draw the attention of our chambers of commerce and food-service colleagues throughout NB to the proposed change.

We appreciate the government's willingness to work with business and make reasonable changes that are in the best interest of the province's long-term economic health. All stakeholders, including government, must continue to work together to make New Brunswick the best place to live, work and start a business.

Sincerely,

Krista Ross, CEO
Fredericton Chamber of Commerce

cc: Hon. Ted Flemming, Minister of Health, Government of New Brunswick
cc: Hon. Mary Wilson, Minister of Economic Development, Government of New Brunswick.
cc: Stephen Lund, CEO, Opportunities New Brunswick
cc: Luc Erjavec, VP, Atlantic Canada, Restaurants Canada
cc: Jennie Wilson, Owner, 11th Mile