

December 3, 2021

Ms. Amy Pyne

Manager of Real Estate and Corporate Projects

Municipality of East Hants

Lloyd E. Matheson Centre

15 Commerce Court

Elmsdale, NS B2S 3K5

via email: Amy Pyne apyne@easthants.ca

Re: Enfield Earth Keepers Request to renew lease at Elmsdale Train Station

Dear Amy,

The Enfield Earthkeepers(Earthkeepers) have occupied the former Elmsdale Train Station since renovating it in 2008/09. At that time they spent a minimum of \$136,836 on rehabilitation and improvements to the property which had been vacated by the municipality after the library was moved to its current location. At that time the Earthkeepers were given a written indication that the building would be transferred to them by the municipality. They then had the CNR land lease transferred to their name. In 2018 the municipality indicated that they wished to have the land lease transferred to them. The building was under lease to the Earthkeepers by the municipality with a termination date of 31 July'20. During the winter of 2019 the CNR land lease was transferred to the Municipality of East Hants and the municipality granted the Earthkeepers a 2yr. extension to their lease. The municipality also took over structural maintenance for the property.

Historically the lease agreements between the Earthkeepers and the Municipality of East Hants have been for 3yr. terms. The Earthkeepers would like to continue occupying the former train station under the current conditions and request that the current lease be extended for a 3yr. term, to terminate on 31st July 2025, with a 2yr. option to renew.

In our conversations you indicated that this matter will be going to council. Will this matter also be going to a committee of council? Please provide me with more information on the scheduling of this matter whether before council or a committee of council as some of our board members may wish to attend.

Yours Truly,



Tom Mills, Director (Building Maintenance)
Enfield Earthkeepers

