



**Date:** December 22, 2021  
**To:** Municipal Council  
**cc:** Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Councillor Wayne Greene, Fire Advisory Committee Chair  
**RE:** Fire Advisory Committee Report to Municipal Council

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The Committee held its regular quarterly meeting on December 2, 2021. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. [FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE](#)

The committee was informed that Council has approved a revised Terms of Reference for this committee, following a review of all Council committee terms of reference. For this committee, there was a change to the membership (formerly the Mutual Aid representative, this member is now a member of the East Hants fire service), how interested public members submit his/her name for consideration on the committee, and the addition of a clause around attendance of meetings. A copy of the approved Terms of Reference was attached to the agenda and available to all committee members.

2. [PROOF OF VACCINATION POLICY](#)

The Committee was made aware of the Council policy requiring vaccination by January 17, 2022 in order to continue to serve on the committee.

3. [UPDATE ON MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM](#)

The Committee was provided an update on this project: the second allocation of grant funds has been received, the website is fully rolled out, outstanding design and video deployment costs have been addressed, display posters have been designed and printed, and there are currently discussions with the Mental Health Association of N.S to explore rolling out a similar program to the entire N.S Volunteer fire service. Mr. Noble informed the committee that only 42 members of the East Hants fire service have signed into the site to date. The committee is looking for ways to increase member application.

4. [CANADA COMMUNITY-BUILDING FUND](#)

The Committee was informed that Nova Scotia will receive an additional \$55 million through the Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly the Gas Tax Fund). Fire halls and fire-station infrastructure have been recently added as an investment category under the fund, although no details have been finalized yet. More information will be passed along as it becomes available.

5. [RECOGNITION FOR SUPPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS](#)

Chief Moxsom of the Milford & District Emergency Services has recommended three businesses be recognized by Council for the support they provide to this department. They are Halifax C&D (use of their parking pad for training), Scothorn Automotive (use of facility and donation of vehicles for extraction training) and Milford Tim Hortons (donations of food and drink to the fire service).

***The Fire Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Council recognize Halifax C&D, Scothorn Automotive and Milford Tim Hortons for the support they provide to Milford & District Emergency Services.***

As Chair of the committee, I so move.

6. **15-YEAR LONG SERVICE MEDAL**

In June, at the request of the fire chiefs, this committee discussed the Municipality creating a 15-year long service medal in memory of a fire fighter that lost his life. At that time, the committee decided against making this recommendation to Council. The fire chiefs have once again requested that the committee consider recommending a 15-year long service medal to Council, without the memorial attached to it. It is difficult to recruit and retain volunteers and the feeling is that awarding a medal for 15 years service will help with volunteer retention. The Province of NS awards a long service medal beginning at 20 years and the Canadian Volunteer Fire Service Association awards begin at 30 (these are the ones the Municipality awards for long service).

***The Fire Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Council consider awarding a long service medal to East Hants firefighters that reach 15 years of service.***

As Chair of the committee, I so move.

As Chair of the committee, I move the adoption of this report.