



**Uniacke & District Volunteer Fire Department**

654 Highway 1, Mount Uniacke, NS

October 23, 2025

**East Hants Municipal Council**

230-15 Commerce Court

Elmsdale, NS B2S 3K5

**Subject: Request for Letter of Support – Structural Protection Unit (SPU) Project**

Dear Members of Council,

The Uniacke & District Volunteer Fire Department (UDVFD) is seeking a formal letter of support from the Municipality of East Hants in support of our application to the Emergency Service Provider Fund to acquire a **Structural Protection Unit (SPU)** to enhance wildfire response capabilities across our **region**.

With the unpredictable nature of climate change and the **increasing frequency and severity of wildfire conditions**, it has become essential for our region to strengthen its capacity to respond to and to mitigate these evolving threats. The addition of a dedicated SPU will significantly improve our ability to protect homes, infrastructure, and natural resources during wildfire events.

This initiative has received overwhelming support from the East Hants fire service community, with 12 of the 13 departments endorsing the project. Their collective backing underscores a shared understanding that this equipment will not only strengthen Mount Uniacke's local readiness but will also elevate the entire region's resilience and coordination during large-scale emergencies.

UDVFD will assume full responsibility for maintenance, insurance, and East Hants Region operational costs of the SPU within our existing budget. If or when the unit is deployed outside the home region of East Hants, the department requesting the deployment will be responsible for covering the associated operational costs.

Funding for the acquisition is being sought through the **Emergency Services Provider Fund Grant**, from which we are requesting **\$200,000.00** toward the total project cost (current project estimate \$268,000.00+tax). The grant application deadline is **December 1, 2025**, and the inclusion of a letter of support from East Hants Council would greatly strengthen our submission.

We sincerely appreciate the Municipality's continued support of our efforts to enhance community safety and regional emergency response. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information regarding this initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Bruce Fraser, Chief

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