

MEH Council Presentation

January 20, 2026

Presented by: Luke Guthro – Chairman of Hall Planning Committee

Request

East Hants Municipality to take ownership of the property located on 273 Highway 2, Enfield Nova Scotia B2T 1C9. Known as Enfield Volunteer Fire Department

Enfield Volunteer Fire Department would maintain all risk, operating and maintenance costs of the property. It would be proposed a legal rental/lease agreement be agreed to

Justification, to obtain grant funding to construct a new fire station

Current Operations

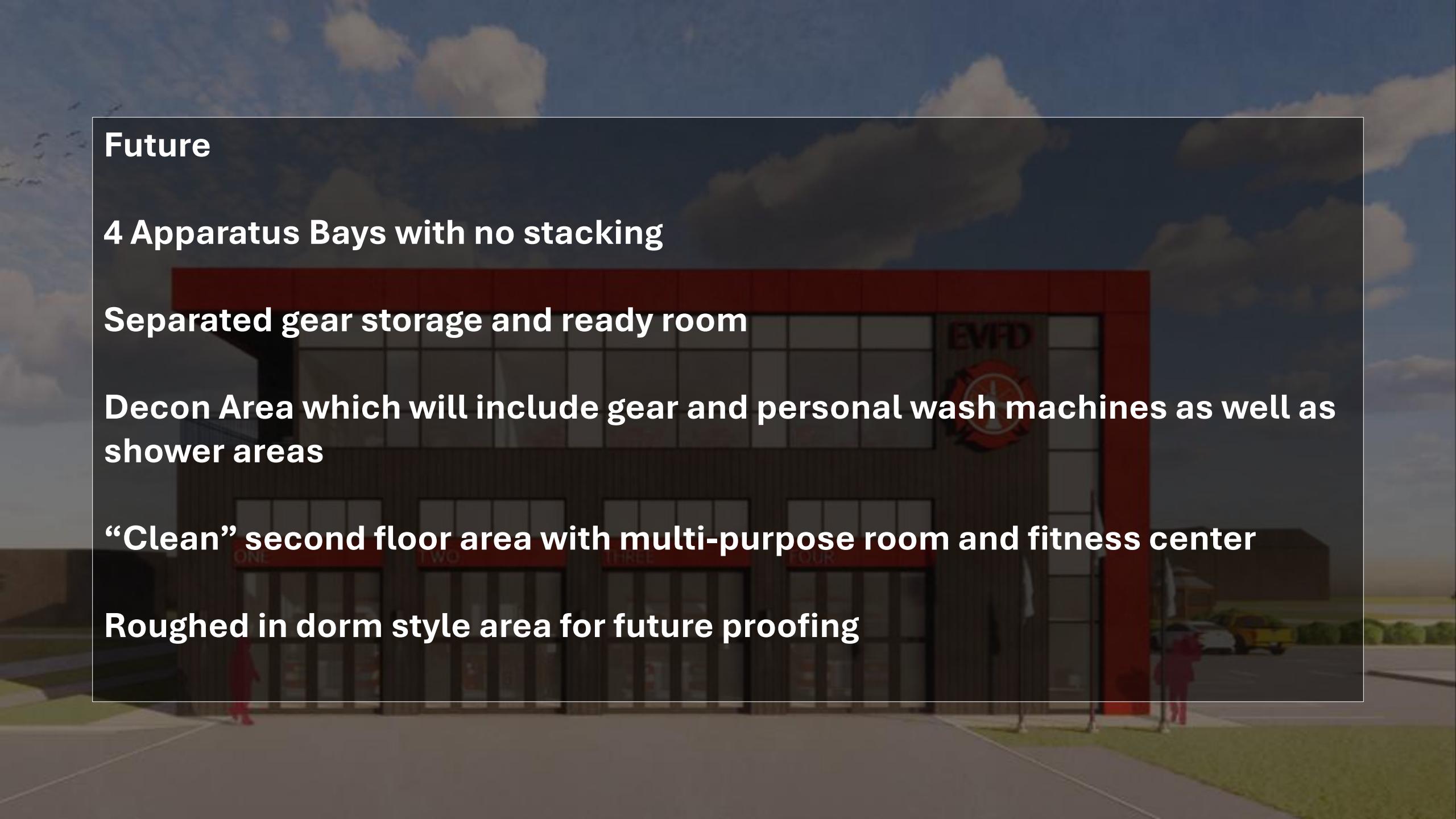
Average 350 Calls annually

2 Apparatus bays with stacked trucks delaying emergency response

Bunker gear lockers around the apparatus bay – Safety and contamination issue

Monday to Friday 7-4 Day time staffing with potential expansion

Limited storage on site that is currently maxed



Future

4 Apparatus Bays with no stacking

Separated gear storage and ready room

Decon Area which will include gear and personal wash machines as well as shower areas

“Clean” second floor area with multi-purpose room and fitness center

Roughed in dorm style area for future proofing



Safety

Increased truck maneuvering with member exposure

Exhaust Contamination and off gassing

Limited decon available

Washing trucks, hose – Limited drying areas and exposed electrical

Financials

2025 Current Levy Account: \$1,464,000

2025 Current Operations: \$173,000

New Building Cost Class C \$12,500,000

Current Tax Rate \$0.14/\$100

Purchase of \$1,900,000 Rescue Pumper

Call Stats and Population

2023 – 328

2024 – 351

2025 – 351 *2 Months of reduction in Medical Response as a trial period*

Population (2021) - 6,583

Area 11.67 km²

About the grant

FCM Grant: The Capital Project: Net-Zero Transformation

The program offers a combined loan and grant amount of 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$10 million, with the grant portion being up to 15% of the total loan amount.