

Wade Tattrie

From: Craig Merriam
Sent: January 8, 2026 8:17 PM
To: Adam Clarkson; Kim Ramsay; Wade Tattrie
Subject: Milford Fire

Categories: Green category

Good evening,

I had a nice visit at Milford Fire last night and sat in for the first part of their annual meeting.

I just wanted to bring this correspondence forward once again regarding their request for a levy increase in the 26/27 fiscal period, for budget consideration, as almost a year has passed since this Feb 6/25 correspondence.

I've highlighted some sections in yellow in the emails. This is intended only as an FYI and reminder.

Thanks,



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From: Eddie Moxsom <milfordfirechief@EastLink.ca>
Sent: February 6, 2025 8:32 AM
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Cc: Adam Clarkson <aclarkson@easthants.ca>; Kim Ramsay <kramsay@easthants.ca>; Wade Tattrie <wtattrie@easthants.ca>
Subject: RE: process as for increases in the levy rate

Confirmed, wanted to start for Jan2026--was hoping to get approved increase before Jan2026 for budgeting purposes.

On 02/06/25 08:22 AM, **Craig Merriam** <cmerriam@easthants.ca> wrote:

Hi Eddie,

Thanks for your email of Feb 6/25. For clarity, you are asking for an increase in the rate a year from now, for the 2026-27 fiscal year, is that correct? You had mentioned yesterday you were not looking for an increase this year (25/26). Can you please confirm the year you are referring to, as it relates to the increase request?

Thanks,

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From: Eddie Moxsom <milfordfirechief@EastLink.ca>
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Subject: Re: process as for increases in the levy rate

Thanks Craig, Our membership voted last night and agreed to ask for a Raise in our Levy from Current of .17 to .19 for a levy increase. Please use this email as a notification of the request. We are trying to save for a new Fire Engine to replace our current 1996 Engine.

It was nice talking to you as well and you are welcome to stop by the hall any wed night!

On 02/05/25 07:36 PM, **Craig Merriam** <cmerriam@easthants.ca> wrote:

Dear Eddie,

The process as for increases in the levy rate, as I understand it, is:

1. Staff send a notice to all Fire Departments in January, requesting their expected fire levy for the upcoming fiscal 26/27.
2. Fire Departments provide their expected fire levy. You can communicate this through me, ultimately with a written request, at that time.
3. You may have some additional information as to the nature of the request, that could be shared at that time.
4. Ultimately, council as a whole vote on all fire levies as part of the annual budget process in February.

It was nice to talk to you today about your anticipated increase next year (fiscal 26/27), and thanks for sending me the Milford Fire Chief's Report. I enjoyed reading about the history of the department, right back to the puddle jumper housed at Chief Taylor's service station.

Things have come a long way and thanks to you and your department for all you do in the community. I'm looking forward to working with you on this going forward.

Sincerely,

Craig