



**Enfield Volunteer Fire Department
273 Hwy 2, Enfield, NS**

Attention Municipality of East Hants Council,

The Enfield Volunteer Fire Department is seeking an increase in our property tax, Fire service levy from currently \$0.14 to a new rate of \$0.16.

In the near term, the community grows in size and complexity; our department strives to meet those needs with our volunteers. To meet the larger demand, we have taken on a larger membership base, outfitting the members with National Fire Protection Association safety gear, training these members, providing the appropriate insurance and coverage, and responding to a larger call volume has created a financial strain.

In the long term, our emergency response vehicles are life cycled every 20 years, with 4 vehicles; we replace one roughly every 5 years. With the volatile nature of the material costs and tariff landscape, and ever-increasing manufacturer back log to provide these custom vehicles, ordering and outfitting the equipment needed for the fire service becomes ever more expensive.

We have discussed, and have voted in support of this request, that this tax levy adjustment will meet the needs of the community and balance the financial strain,

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Todd Peppardine
Chief - Enfield Vol. Fire Department

John Cummings
President - Enfield Vol. Fire Department