



Date: June 24, 2026
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Michael Perry, Fire Advisory Committee Chair
RE: Fire Advisory Committee Report to Municipal Council

The Committee held its regular meeting June 4, 2026. The following motion is coming forward as a result of that meeting.

1. [MUNICIPAL TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEER THAT ARE HOMEOWNERS](#)

Mr. Goodman wanted to discuss the possibility of volunteers that are homeowners getting a credit on their property taxes. He had a conversation with the Director of Corporate Services prior to the meeting and was informed that the *Municipal Government Act* does not allow this type of credit.

2. [UPDATE ON THE FIRE SERVICE REVIEW](#)

Mr. Byard gave the committee an update on the review. The province has purchased a risk assessment tool to support municipalities and fire service providers to conduct a fire service review. They are in the early phases of customizing the tool and are planning Beta testing with both municipal and fire coordinator representatives over the next few weeks. Once any changes or issues are identified and resolved, the tool will be rolled out. Information sessions for municipalities begin in the Fall. The output from the assessment will feed into the required fire review in 2027-2028. If a municipality chose to do an assessment sooner, either using the new tool or with their own tools to gather evidence, they are welcome to do so. Mr. Clarkson noted that a report will be going to Council in July on fire service reviews.

3. [FIRE DEPARTMENT REGISTRATIONS](#)

Mr. Byard advised the committee that all registrations have been received except for Brooklyn's. All departments meet the registration criteria except Kennetcook, which is missing the financial statements. These documents are expected by the end of June.

Mr. Clarkson noted that there is no audit process in place for the annual registration and it is not something being recommended at this time.

All fire department registrations note availability to respond as a limit to service. This is due to volunteers delivering the service. The East Hants Fire Service Association has mutual aid agreements in place that support response efforts for neighbouring departments.

The Fire Advisory Committee recommends that Council approve the 2026/27 fire department registrations for the Elmsdale, Enfield, Gore, Lantz, Maitland, Milford, Nine Mile River, Noel, Shubenacadie, Rawdon, Uniacke and Walton Shore departments; and

That Kennetcook be approved once the financial statements have been received; and

That Brooklyn be approved once the registration forms and financial statements are received, as long as the criteria for registration has been met.

As Chair of the committee, I so move.

4. CAREER STAFFING FOR THE CORRIDOR

During the day there are not a lot of volunteers in the area to answer fire calls, which is becoming an issue with the amount of development happening and the number of residents in the Corridor. Elmsdale and Lantz are working together to set up infrastructure to hire three career fire fighters to be available during the day. They hope to have these positions filled by the end of the year.

This concludes the report.