



July 30, 2026

Tyler Dauphinee, President
East Hants Fire Service Association
27 Lorna Court,
Elmsdale, NS
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Re: Fire Protection Service Review

Dear Mr. Dauphinee,

Council would like to thank the East Hants Fire Service Association (EHFSA) for its letter dated June 6, 2026. Council is supporting the request in the letter from the EHFSA to fund a Fire Protection Service Review.

As the Fire Chiefs are aware, the Province has enacted legislation requiring municipalities and fire protection service providers to complete a Fire Protection Service Review. Council is pleased to confirm that the Municipality will lead the process, engaging an independent consultant to complete a Community Risk Assessment as the initial step, followed by a Fire Protection Service Review as part of a broader Fire Services Master Plan. This work will be undertaken in collaboration with the EHFSA, which will be invited to participate throughout the process in a format to be determined by the Fire Chiefs.

Given Council's significant investment and the participation of the EHFSA, the recommendations arising from the Fire Service Master Plan will guide future decisions and be binding.

Until the review is complete, any major capital project funded through fire levies will require Council approval - please contact Adam Clarkson for guidance. This does not include the spending of any monies that departments have fundraised or received through the Firefighter 50/50 draw. Council next meets in September; however, we are prepared to meet as needed for fire department approvals.

Municipal staff will provide further updates as the process progresses. We look forward to working with the fire service as we undertake this important work for the community.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Adam Clarkson aclarkson@easthants.ca 902-883-6132 or Calvin Byard cbyard@easthants.ca 902-883-6175.

Best regards,



Eleanor Roulston, Warden

CC: East Hants Fire Chiefs