East Hants Fire Service Association

Supporting Fire Protection and Emergency Services Throughout East Hants

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Council:

East Hants Fire Service, in collaboration with representatives from the Municipality, recently completed a review of water availability and existing dry hydrants throughout the Municipality of East Hants.

This review, along with the dry hydrant mapping initiative completed over the past year, identified a need for additional fire ponds and dry hydrants to provide reliable, year-round firefighting water supplies in several rural areas.

The assessment highlighted four priority areas that currently lack access to a year-round firefighting water source equipped with a dry hydrant: **Upper Kennetcook, Upper Rawdon, the Noel/Walton area, and McPhee's Corner**.

To establish dependable water supplies in these locations, existing ponds would need to be cleaned and upgraded, and dry hydrant systems, including piping and connections, would need to be purchased and installed. The estimated cost is approximately **$3,000 per site** for piping and connections and **$8,000 per site** for excavation and pond restoration work required to make the ponds fully functional and accessible year-round.

The Fire Service is seeking assistance from the Municipality to support the installation of dry hydrants at these strategic rural locations. These hydrants would improve access to reliable water supplies, reduce tanker travel distances and response times, and enhance fire protection for residents and properties in these areas.

We respectfully request the Municipality's consideration of financial and/or operational support for this important initiative.

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