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To: Department of Emergency Management (Nova Scotia)

Re: Letter of Support for East Hants Ground Search and Rescue – 2026 Mercedes Benz Sprinter Van

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to express our strong support for the proposal submitted by East Hants Ground Search and Rescue for funding under the 2026 regional ESPF Grant program.

As the President and Search Manager of Springhill GSAR, I have first hand knowledge of the urgent need for enhanced Mobility and transportation on searches in our region. Our organization is currently heading in the same direction as East Hants in trying to get the best available equipment to help find the lost person. We believe this project directly addresses the ESPF goal of making search teams better at doing our job with specific impact, e.g., improving interoperability between ground search and volunteer teams.

East Hants GSAR has a proven track record in serving the Province of NS in search and rescue activities. We are confident in their ability to deliver the expected outcomes of this initiative.

Our organization is committed to supporting this project, and we plan to participate by joint training exercises and courses to ensure we can all work together seamlessly to aid and assist in searches in our zone.

Sincerely
Michael J. MacPherson
President
Springhill GS&R