

# **Fire & Emergency Services Committee Meeting AGENDA**

**Monday, January 10, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Agenda (as circulated)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – November 08, 2021**
- 4. Business Arising from Minutes**
  - 4.1. Options for reduction in Insurance Premiums**
  - 4.2. Fire Scene Security**
  - 4.3. Mutual Aid Agreement Revisions**
  - 4.4. Air Pack Certification/Turn-out Gear Safety**
  - 4.5. Cell Coverage..... 2-5**
  - 4.6. Municipal Funding Options - Procurement of Equipment for Departments**
  - 4.7. Mandatory Vaccination Request..... 6-8**
  - 4.8. Budget 2021/2022 ..... 9-10**
  - 4.9. AGM**
- 5. L.R.F.E.S. Report**
- 6. New Business**
- 7. In Camera (if required)**
- 8. Next Meeting –Monday, March 14, 2022**
- 9. Adjournment**



## Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

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November 12, 2021

To Her Worship, Mayor Bolivar-Getson, and Councillors  
of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

The Fire & Emergency Services Committee, in session on Monday, November 8th, 2021, made the following recommendations to Council:

- **That Council write a letter to local MLAs and MP regarding the problems with cellular service in the Municipality.**
- **That Council write to the Province and the Chief Medical Officer, with a copy to Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia (FSANS) to recommend every active firefighter in the province be double vaccinated.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman and Members  
Fire & Emergency Services Committee



## Memorandum

**To:** Chris Kennedy, Fire & Emergency Services Coordinator

**CC:** Fire & Emergency Services Committee

**From:** Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer

**Date:** November 23, 2021

**Re:** 2021-168 Cellular Service

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Please be advised that Municipal Council, in session on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, made the following motion:

**“that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Fire & Emergency Services Committee and write to local MLAs and MP regarding the problems with cellular service in the Municipality.”**

Please prepare a draft letter for the Mayor’s review and signature, copied to the province and FESC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'T' followed by a loop and a trailing line.

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Tom MacEwan  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Fire & Emergency Services Committee

Date: January 10, 2022

Item: 4.5

Authorization: Alex Dumaresq



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December 2, 2021

#### **Via Facsimile 902 527-5656**

Rick Perkins, M.P.  
129 Aberdeen Road  
Bridgewater NS B4V 2S7

#### **Via Email [susancorkumgreekmla@gmail.com](mailto:susancorkumgreekmla@gmail.com)**

The Honourable Susan Corkum-Greek, M.L.A.  
97 Kaulbach St., Suite 201  
Lunenburg NS B0J 2C0

#### **Via Email [beckydruhan.mla@eastlink.ca](mailto:beckydruhan.mla@eastlink.ca)**

The Honourable Becky Druhan, M.L.A.  
425 King Street  
Bridgewater NS B4V 1B1

Dear Member of Parliament and Ministers:

#### **RE: Cellular Service**

Council for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has heard concerns from emergency services providers and residents regarding the lack of and/or poor cellular coverage in many areas of the Municipality. We understand that this is not a localized issue but rather one that is a concern in many parts of the province.

Due to the cost of maintaining a landline service and a cellular service, many Nova Scotians have dropped their landlines and moved to a cellular service. Cellular coverage in the province however seems to have degraded over time instead of being improved upon. Our residents are

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finding that the current cellular service is not meeting their needs, especially during times of emergency. Cellular coverage is poor or lacking not only in rural areas but also areas surrounding urban communities. This was highlighted during Hurricane Dorian when cell coverage to many areas was interrupted for an extended periods leaving many 911 calls unanswered.

This subject is on the agenda of all levels of government. We are advised that the new 5G system is on its way but, until such time, we need reliable and more available cellular coverage for our residents. We are hopeful that cellular service providers are looking at ways to increase coverage for our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carolyn Bolivar-Getson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, E.C.N.S.

Mayor

CK/trb

cc: Chair, Fire & Emergency Services Committee

Fire & Emergency Services Committee  
Date: January 10, 2022  
Item: 4.7  
Authorization: Alex Dumaresq



## Memorandum

**To:** Chris Kennedy, Fire & Emergency Services Coordinator

**CC:** Fire & Emergency Services Committee

**From:** Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer

**Date:** November 23, 2021

**Re:** 2021-169 Covid Vaccinations

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Please be advised that Municipal Council, in session on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, made the following motion:

**“that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Fire & Emergency Services Committee and write to the Province and Chief Medical officer, with a copy to the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia (FSANS), to recommend every active firefighter in the province be double vaccinated.”**

Please prepare a draft letter for the Mayor’s review and signature.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'T' and 'M'.

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Tom MacEwan  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Fire & Emergency Services Committee  
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#### **[PREMIER@novascotia.ca](mailto:PREMIER@novascotia.ca)**

The Honourable Tim Houston  
Premier of Nova Scotia  
One Government Place  
1700 Granville St  
Halifax NS B3J 1X5

#### **[Covid19info@novascotia.ca](mailto:Covid19info@novascotia.ca)**

Dr. Robert Strang  
Chief Medical Officer of Health  
Public Health  
PO Box 488  
Halifax NS B3J 2R8

Dear Premier and Dr. Strang:

#### **RE: Active Firefighters - Mandatory Vaccinations**

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has a total of 24 volunteer fire departments, providing emergency services to approximately 25,000 residents. Fire departments in our Municipality have been and continue to follow Public Health guidelines to keep their members and communities safe.

Volunteer firefighters respond to various emergencies over and above fighting fires. At any given emergency scenario, they may be in close contact with the public, putting them at high risk of contracting the Covid-19 virus and/or transmitting it to others. Fire departments often respond to mutual aid calls, placing them in direct contact with other departments without knowing vaccination statuses of those members.

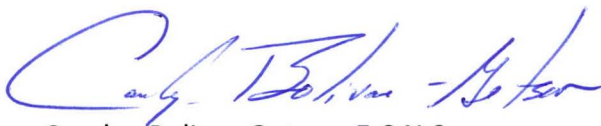
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The Fire and Emergency Services Committee (FES Committee) of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Lunenburg Regional Fire & Emergency Services (LRFES) have reached out to Municipal Council to express concerns regarding the lack of a mandated vaccination policy for active firefighters. These groups are concerned that without mandatory vaccinations, not only are their members at risk, but also the residents they serve.

We are writing in support of the FES Committee, the LRFES, and our residents to request that the Province of Nova Scotia mandate that all active fire fighters in the province be fully vaccinated in order to continue in their roles of serving our communities.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, E.C.N.S.  
Mayor

CK/trb

cc: Daniel Gaudet, President FSANS  
Chair, Lunenburg Regional Fire & Emergency Services  
Chair, Fire & Emergency Services Committee



Fire & Emergency Services Committee  
Date: January 10, 2022  
Item: 4.8  
Authorization: Alex Dumaresq

## Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Memorandum

**To: The Fire & Emergency Services Committee**  
From: Chris Kennedy, Fire Service Coordinator  
Date: January 10, 2022.  
Re: Budget information regarding Fire Service Grants

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At the November 08, 2021, FESC meeting I was discussed to have the current grant amounts and the merge sheet showing fire department tax and grant funding disbursement for budget discussion at the January 10, 2022, meeting of the FESC. Please see the included merge sheet showing the 2021 payments to fire departments and the 2021/2022 approved Fire Service grants. In the past couple years there has been a 2% increase in these grants to fire departments. If the direction of the FESC is to pass a motion recommending a 2% increase for the 2022/2023 for the listed grants below, the Fire Service Coordinator will prepare a request for councils' consideration.

The below listed grants are shown with a 2% increase for budgeting purposes (which totals \$3,723.00 increase over the 2021/2022 fiscal year amounts)

	<u>Current Grant</u>		<u>Grants with 2% increase</u>
Matching Grant	\$43,250.00	to	\$44,115.00 a \$865.00 increase.
Municipal Grant	\$65,390.00	to	\$66,698.00 a \$1308.00 increase.
Training Grant	\$11,120.00	to	\$11,343.00 a \$223.00 increase.
Insurance Grant	\$55,200.00	to	\$56,304.00 a \$1104.00 increase.
Personnel Insurance Grant	\$11,120.00	to	\$11343.00 a \$223.00 Increase.

For a total grant amount with a 2% increase of \$188,485.00

Name of Fire Dept./Commission	Name of Fire Dept./Commission		April 1/21 Opening Balance	2021/22 Fire Tax Payment	June - Interim Payment	Adjustment for Prior Year Personnel Ins	2021/22 - Balance Fire Tax	Insurance Premium	Insurance Grant	Balance Owing - Insurance	Balance Owing Personnel Insurance	Total Fire Tax	Municipal Grant	Matching Grant	December - Final Payment
Baker Settlement and Dist	Baker Settlement			\$ 60,195.88	\$ 29,374.05		\$ 30,821.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 30,821.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,821.84
Big Tancook Island	BTIERA	Big Tancook Island Emergency Respon	\$ 753.00	\$ 15,601.73	\$ 7,502.10	\$ 796.09	\$ 7,303.54	\$ 7,705.00	\$ 1,343.57	\$ 6,361.43	\$ 690.15	\$ 1,004.96	\$ 10,628.07	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 13,435.10
Blockhouse	Blockhouse	Blockhouse Fire Department	\$ 1,555.00	\$ 148,775.04	\$ 72,364.92	\$ 1,547.95	\$ 74,862.18	\$ 14,028.00	\$ 2,446.15	\$ 11,581.85	\$ 1,380.30	\$ 63,455.02	\$ 1,410.10	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 66,667.21
Chelsea and District	Chelsea & District		\$ -	\$ 62,521.26	\$ 30,214.53		\$ 32,306.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 32,306.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,306.74
Clearland **				\$ 27,553.32	\$ 13,482.51		\$ 14,070.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 14,070.81	\$ 408.00		\$ 14,478.81
Conquerall Bank	Conquerall Bank	Conquerall Bank Fire Department	\$ 948.00	\$ 97,852.88	\$ 47,223.17	\$ 973.00	\$ 49,656.72	\$ 14,073.00	\$ 2,454.00	\$ 11,619.00	\$ 1,012.22	\$ 37,973.49	\$ 1,725.56	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 41,501.13
Crousetown *				\$ 17,170.55	\$ 8,630.23		\$ 8,540.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 8,540.32	\$ -		\$ 8,540.32
Cornwall	Cornwall & District	Cornwall & District Fire Department	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 104,815.54	\$ 50,367.17	\$ 1,592.18	\$ 52,856.20	\$ 10,215.00	\$ 1,781.25	\$ 8,433.75	\$ 1,702.37	\$ 44,270.07	\$ 1,403.87	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 47,476.02
Dayspring and District	Dayspring	Dayspring & District Fire Department	\$ 1,469.00	\$ 180,569.10	\$ 88,387.16	\$ 1,459.50	\$ 90,722.45	\$ 14,107.00	\$ 2,459.92	\$ 11,647.08	\$ 1,334.30	\$ 79,210.07	\$ 1,126.05	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 82,138.21
Hebb's Cross	Hebbs Cross	Hebbs Cross Fire Department	\$ 1,308.00	\$ 70,805.06	\$ 33,016.08	\$ 1,415.27	\$ 36,373.71	\$ 11,648.00	\$ 2,031.13	\$ 9,616.87	\$ 1,150.25	\$ 26,914.60	\$ 2,872.32	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 31,589.00
Hebbville	Hebbville	Hebbville Fire Department	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 150,837.23	\$ 74,099.31	\$ 1,061.45	\$ 75,676.47	\$ 13,222.00	\$ 2,305.60	\$ 10,916.40	\$ 1,334.30	\$ 66,305.78	\$ 1,052.34	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 69,160.19
Hemford and District	Hemford	Hemford & District Fire Department	\$ 946.00	\$ 57,751.71	\$ 26,881.91	\$ 796.09	\$ 30,073.71	\$ 11,736.00	\$ 2,046.48	\$ 9,689.52	\$ 920.20	\$ 20,409.98	\$ 5,630.56	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 27,842.62
Indian Point	Indian Point	Indian Point Fire Department	\$ 791.00	\$ 43,051.33	\$ 20,194.82	\$ 796.09	\$ 22,060.43	\$ 8,975.00	\$ 1,565.03	\$ 7,409.97	\$ 506.11	\$ 14,935.34	\$ 3,567.09	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 20,304.51
Italy Cross	Italy Cross/Middlewood	Italy Cross, Middlewood & District Fir	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 90,772.53	\$ 43,012.06	\$ 1,459.50	\$ 46,300.98	\$ 13,717.00	\$ 2,391.92	\$ 11,325.08	\$ 1,334.30	\$ 35,051.60	\$ 1,533.56	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 38,387.23
LaHave and District	Lahave & District	LaHave and District Fire Department	\$ 1,646.00	\$ 194,243.14	\$ 93,610.29	\$ 1,061.45	\$ 99,571.41	\$ 14,615.00	\$ 2,548.51	\$ 12,066.49	\$ 1,104.24	\$ 88,046.67	\$ 1,027.47	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 90,876.22
Lapland and District	Lapland & District	Lapland and District Fire Department	\$ 672.00	\$ 46,731.04	\$ 21,610.25	\$ 619.18	\$ 24,501.62	\$ 8,592.00	\$ 1,498.24	\$ 7,093.76	\$ 782.17	\$ 17,297.69	\$ 4,216.20	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 22,598.89
Maders Cove	Maders Cove	Maders Cove Fire Protection Commissi	\$ (22.00)	\$ 64,994.47	\$ 32,233.49		\$ 32,760.98	\$ 3,013.00	\$ 525.40	\$ 2,487.60	\$ -	\$ 30,251.38	\$ 2,498.77	\$ -	\$ 32,750.15
Martins River	Martins River	The Fire Protection Commissioners for	\$ 924.00	\$ 116,449.78	\$ 55,528.59	\$ 1,017.23	\$ 59,903.96	\$ 13,994.00	\$ 2,440.22	\$ 11,553.78	\$ 1,012.22	\$ 48,261.96	\$ 2,712.01	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 52,776.05
Midville and District	Midville	Midville and District Fire Department	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 75,046.69	\$ 36,366.76	\$ 1,238.36	\$ 37,441.58	\$ 11,084.00	\$ 1,932.79	\$ 9,151.21	\$ 1,058.23	\$ 28,450.13	\$ 3,272.15	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 33,524.36
New Germany	New Germany	New Germany Volunteer Fire Departm	\$ 2,421.00	\$ 266,121.60	\$ 129,371.19	\$ 1,592.18	\$ 135,158.24	\$ 17,621.00	\$ 3,072.68	\$ 14,548.32	\$ 1,702.37	\$ 121,328.54	\$ 926.47	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 124,057.10
Newcombsville and Dist (Tri)	Tri-District Rescue	Tri District Fire/Rescue	\$ 1,461.00	\$ 48,002.80	\$ 22,803.27	\$ 1,547.95	\$ 23,651.58	\$ 21,021.00	\$ 3,665.56	\$ 17,355.44	\$ 1,472.32	\$ 6,284.82	\$ 1,389.27	\$ 1,802.28	\$ 9,476.36
District 1&2	District 1 & 2	District 1 & 2 Fire Commission	\$ 840.00	\$ 311,779.32	\$ 152,614.60		\$ 159,164.72	\$ 3,068.00	\$ 534.99	\$ 2,533.01	\$ -	\$ 157,471.71	\$ 248.23	\$ -	\$ 157,719.94
Northfield	Northfield	Northfield District Fire Department	\$ 14,448.00	\$ 330,466.97	\$ 162,771.42	\$ 1,857.54	\$ 165,838.02	\$ 17,038.00	\$ 2,971.02	\$ 14,066.98	\$ 1,978.43	\$ 164,240.61	\$ 808.14	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 166,850.83
Oakhill	Oakhill	Oakhill & District Fire Department	\$ 1,058.00	\$ 175,344.29	\$ 85,072.20	\$ 1,105.68	\$ 89,166.42	\$ 16,961.00	\$ 2,957.59	\$ 14,003.41	\$ 874.19	\$ 75,346.82	\$ 1,498.89	\$ 3,366.37	\$ 80,212.08
Oakland **			\$ 185.00	\$ 65,255.36	\$ 31,757.48		\$ 33,497.89	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 33,682.89	\$ 408.00		\$ 34,090.89
Petite Riviere*	Petite Riviere	Petite Riviere Fire Department	\$ 965.00	\$ 89,611.68	\$ 42,263.22	\$ 928.77	\$ 46,419.70	\$ 12,591.00	\$ 2,195.57	\$ 10,395.43	\$ 1,012.22	\$ 35,977.04	\$ 2,461.23	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 40,240.36
Pleasantville	Pleasantville	Pleasantville & District Fire Departmen	\$ 670.00	\$ 94,095.64	\$ 46,659.56	\$ 796.09	\$ 46,639.99	\$ 12,680.00	\$ 2,211.09	\$ 10,468.91	\$ 966.21	\$ 35,874.87	\$ 1,556.29	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 39,233.24
Riverport	Riverport	Riverport Fire Commission	\$ 2,017.00	\$ 364,102.10	\$ 176,970.53	\$ 1,503.72	\$ 185,627.86	\$ 15,777.00	\$ 2,751.13	\$ 13,025.87	\$ 1,518.33	\$ 173,100.65	\$ 279.25	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 175,181.99
United Communities	United Communities	United Communities Fire Commission	\$ 1,007.00	\$ 77,081.54	\$ 37,490.23	\$ 1,017.23	\$ 38,574.09	\$ 12,038.00	\$ 2,099.14	\$ 9,938.86	\$ 1,058.23	\$ 28,583.99	\$ 1,802.98	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 32,189.05
Walden	Walden	Walden Fire Department	\$ 868.00	\$ 17,682.93	\$ 8,175.51	\$ 884.54	\$ 8,622.89	\$ 7,721.00	\$ 1,346.36	\$ 6,374.64	\$ 966.21	\$ 2,150.03	\$ 7,243.44	\$ 2,256.83	\$ 11,650.30
Wileville	Wileville	Wileville Fire Department	\$ 360.00	\$ 78,833.03	\$ 38,571.18	\$ 574.95	\$ 39,686.91	\$ 9,317.00	\$ 1,624.66	\$ 7,692.34	\$ 552.12	\$ 31,802.45	\$ 2,499.68	\$ 500.00	\$ 34,802.13
			<b>\$ 44,348.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,544,115.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,718,619.69</b>	<b>\$ 27,641.99</b>	<b>\$ 1,797,853.86</b>	<b>\$ 316,557.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 261,357.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,422.01</b>	<b>\$ 1,553,422.85</b>	<b>\$ 66,206.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,662,878.85</b>

\*Crousetown with Petite

\*\* Oakland & Clearland with TOMB

\$ 65,390.00

Tri District			\$ 1,461.00	\$ 170,719.94	\$ 82,391.84		\$ 86,780.15	\$ 21,021.00	\$ 3,665.56	\$ 17,355.44	\$ 1,472.32	\$ 69,413.39	\$ 1,389.27	\$ 1,802.28	\$ 72,604.93
Petite & Crousetown			\$ 965.00	\$ 106,782.23	\$ 50,893.45		\$ 54,960.02	\$ 12,591.00	\$ 2,195.57	\$ 10,395.43	\$ 1,012.22	\$ 44,517.36	\$ 2,461.23	\$ 1,802.08	\$ 48,780.68