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June 26th, 2019

Warden Ronnie LeBlanc
Municipality of Clare
1185 Highway 1,
Little Brook, NS
B0W 1Z0

Re: New Tax for Purchase of Fire Truck for the Meteghan Fire Department

Dear Warden LeBlanc:

This letter is to express our opposition to the new "Fire Truck Purchase" tax which was implemented in the 2019 Clare Municipal Budget. The 2019 tax bill which we received listed the amount of **\$ 894.65** for the existing Fire Protection bill and a second tax bill in the amount of **\$1073.58** for the purchase of a new fire truck, which we understand went to the Meteghan Fire Department.

In the May 16th, 2019 issue of the Clare Shopper, the Meteghan Fire Department published how the "Chase the Ace" proceeds were spent (copy attached). We do not have any issue with how they spent the proceeds; in fact the Meteghan Fire Department should be congratulated for taking the initiative in putting together such a successful fundraiser.

Our issue is with the Municipality of Clare implementing a new tax to purchase a fire truck for Meteghan when the Meteghan Fire Department clearly has the means to fundraise the amount of money required to purchase a new fire truck in their current or upcoming Chase the Ace fundraising campaigns.

This additional tax is a burden on the taxpayers of Clare and is unjustifiable. We sincerely hope you will re-evaluate this new tax and eliminate it from your next municipal budget.

Sincerely,

Marc Blinn, President

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cc. CAO Stephane Cyr and Members of Council

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Meteghan Fire Department
proceeds from

Chase the Ace

- Pagers - \$14,000.00
- Kitchen Appliances - \$3,812.04
- Training Equipment - \$41,908.81
- Building Sign - \$4,737.43
- Road Sign - \$23,819.03
- Dress Wear - \$7,457.89
- Chase the Ace Supplies - \$115,000
- Doors - \$14,290
- Outdoor Lighting - \$2,810.00
- Pressure Washer - \$3,520.00
- Cement Work - \$40,890.00
- Ditch Work - \$15,000.00
- Perking lot - \$12,000.00
- Compressor - \$60,000.00
- Bunker Gear - \$19,500.00
- Nozzles - \$10,500.00
- Rib-Pak - \$5,625.00
- Mask - \$10,400.00
- Air Pack - \$21,200.00
- Boots - \$5,995.00
- Helmets - \$2,000.00
- Gloves - \$1,800.00
- Flashlights - \$3,388.00
- Chimney Scrubber - \$1,900.00
- Kit Toys - \$650.00
- Inside Hall Repair - \$74,000.00
- Pike Pole/Halogen - \$775.00
- Flash Hood - \$300.00
- Truck Repairs - \$4,600.00
- Gas Detector - \$1,000.00
- Ice Commander Suit - \$1,560.00
- Generator - \$40,000.00
- Handicap Door Opener - \$2,294.00
- Epoxy Floor - \$23,500.00
- Pave - \$228,000.00
- Printer/ID Printer - \$2,100.00
- Gas Detector - \$1,300.00
- Water Thier - \$1,400.00
- Training Centre - \$50,000.00
- pending
- pending
- Raise Garage Doors - \$27,000.00
- pending

TOTAL: \$897,332.80