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Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and Members of Council Municipality of Clare 1185 Highway 1, Little Brook, NS BOW 120

Re: New Tax for Purchase of Fire Truck

Dear Warden LeBlanc and Members of Council:

Due to the new tax bill we received in the amount of \$1,846.56 for the purchase of a new fire truck, which was in addition to the existing tax bill of \$1,538.80 which was also for the purchase of capital equipment for the fire departments, it brings our total taxes for fire fighting equipment to \$3,385.36 for 2019.

While no one disputes the importance of fire protection, we find that this new tax is excessive and unwarranted.

When we constructed our building 2 years ago, we were happy to install a hydrant to permit the fire departments to fill their trucks, at no charge, for fire fighting purposes and/or training. However, due to the implementation of the new tax, we now feel obligated to charge \$100.00 per use to the fire departments for the new hydrant system at our location until the amount of \$1,846.56 has been recovered.

Sincerely,

Doug Bertram

Shore Cold Storage & Logistics Inc.

cc. Meteghan Fire Dept, Little Brook Fire Dept, Saint Bernard Fire Dept.