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To: Municipalité de Clare Council

Re: Fire Service Financial Support for Training

Last year we were approved for \$7500 for fire fighting training. We would like to use that amount to send firefighters to the Fire Department Information Conference (FDIC) held at Acadia University like we did last year. With your approval, we ask that you submit the \$7500 to the CFFA. We will reimburse fire departments who send members to the training conference when we have received a paid receipt from them. We approved at our last CFFA meeting support to use the training money in this way for this year. It will be divided equally among each department to send members. If a department doesn't send members there will be more funds available to the other departments who send more members than the allotted \$1,071 per department. In other words, each department will have at least \$1,071 available to send members if they wish. The cost per member for registration is approximately \$350/member.

We are also seeking funding to help cover costs of Medical First Responder (MFR). Currently EHS reimburses \$150/member/year for the MFR training. Training is now \$550/member. Currently 6 of 7 departments provide this service to our Clare Residents. This requires departments to bear the burden of \$400/member to be trained and \$550/member if a department trains more than two people per year. Would the municipality consider covering the \$400/member cost to a maximum of \$800/department/year. This would be \$4800 maximum per year for the municipality. This would allow up to two people/year/department to have the cost covered for MFR training. We feel that this is a valuable service we can offer in addition to fire firefighter services. Due to the fact that MFR services are in addition to our fire fighting services there was agreement from CFFA members that we should

not use the \$7500 fire fighting training budget that we currently have for MFR training. It is designed for just that, fire fighting training.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

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