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To : Eric Pothier, Ronnie Leblanc , Brian Comeau and rest of council

The Meteghan fire Dept. Is asking for funds to finish renovations to our sub station and fire holes.

The Meteghan fire Dept.provides emergency

services to 52% of the tax base of Clare and responds to as many emergency calls as all of the other departments in Clare combined.

The amount of funding we receive from the municipality does not reflect the area we cover or the amount of calls we respond to. As you are aware most of the tax dollars collected in our district goes to other departments. Other municipalities have asked how Clare manages to fund the departments the way they do. In my opinion the reason you are able to do this is because Meteghan over the last 25 years has raised over two million dollars to fund most of our capital expenses through fund raising. New halls have been built for other departments as well as a fire hole.

Over this same period we have received very little funding for capital expenses compared to these departments. I do not feel it is excessive in asking for \$70,000 to finish renovations to our sub station. This sub station responds to more call then any other department in Clare.

I also don't think it's asking too much for a well or fire hole to fill trucks at our main hall and to fix our fire hole behind Meteghan church. The cost would be \$25,000

As fire chief I feel that we have not been getting the appropriate amounts of funds for the size of our district. I am not asking that we receive all of the tax dollars from our district, but I believe that the amount of funding we receive is not sufficient.

As a result of the last tax rate passed to purchase fire trucks in Clare we have receive negative feedback when trying to do fundraising to cover the cost of equipment needed.

On an another matter, I am asking that consideration be made to purchase the ladder truck for Meteghan that was recommended in the study be made in the year that Richfields truck was suppose to be replaced. As I'm sure you realize this truck will be available to all departments in Clare.

I hope council takes serious considerations into this matter. I would be pleased to answer any questions or concerns at your convenience.

Sincerely

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Meteghan fire chief

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Meteghan Fire Dept.

Municipality of Clare council

Meteghan Fire Dept has 45 members with 7 trucks to provide the municipality of Clare with rescue, MFR, firefighting and any other emergency. With an average of 80 calls per year.

As you may know water around Meteghan is scarce, which for any big fire we need lots of it. At the moment if there would be a decent size fire we would have problems finding water in a decent amount of time. With the possibility of an aerial truck in the future the need for water would be even more Important.

We believe it's fair in asking for 25,000\$ to help us fix an existing fire hole along with creating a new one. I've provided a quote for the existing one, however the new one we're unable to get a quote. Since the new one would be to install a tank in the parking lot of our Firehall. Unsure of how deep and how big of a tank we could put.

In the email I've provided some quotes of repairs to our sub station.

Some repairs has been done from the quotes thanks to your funding from last year. However the building still in need of work in order no to loose it. We're looking to replace the siding, insulate walls and attic, replace any rotten wood, new man door and garage door, paint and plumbing.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks

Adrien Comeau

Meteghan Fire Dept

President

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