



April 16, 2021

Mr. Jeffrey R. Morrison,
Director, Corporate Services
Town of Essex
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Dear Mr. Jeffrey Morrison,

This letter is not only to confirm receipt of the recent grant in the amount of \$5000.00 provided by the Town of Essex to the Essex Firemen's Association through the Community Partnership Grant Fund but to also send a big thank you! The financial support provided to us will help to ease the burdens that Covid-19 has brought upon our Association. Since the onset of the pandemic, the ability for our Association to host events and fundraising opportunities have been put on hold but none the less, our day-to-day operating costs remain.

As noted in the grant application, this grant will provide us with the opportunity to not only cover operating expenses such as liability insurance but also gives us the opportunity to continue with projects within our very own community, most notably Sparky's Park in Tulley Meadows. This includes updated Fire Safety signage in partnership with the Ontario Fire Marshal and the Sparky trademark. As well, this grant will allow us to continue work on our 1944 Dodge Bickle Seagrave truck (Unit 160) which was the Town of Essex's 2nd motorized fire truck last in service during the 1980 Explosion. Our goal is to fully restore Unit 160 to its original operating condition which would include repairing the body panels and re-painting the exterior, re-installation of the water tank and refurbishment of the pump, refinishing the wooden hose bed, repairs to the engine and braking system and full replacement of the electrical system. Having this vehicle fully refurbished helps paint a picture from where our fire service began, to where we have come now. Restoring Unit 160 will allow us to showcase our heritage once again at fire prevention events, public open houses, parades and other community events. In the past it has proven itself to be an asset which draws attention to our fire prevention activities and assists in teaching adults and children alike a significant piece of our Town's history. It provides an eye-catching, interactive display, complimenting our public education materials for fire prevention efforts.

Due to the current situation, we have been forced to look at other opportunities to raise funds for our worthwhile causes. As these opportunities become available, we hope to share with you and your team as well as Town of Essex Council.

The Essex Firemen's Association continues to remain committed to the Town of Essex and the community we serve. Since our inception in 1981, we have been a proud community partner by providing financial support and volunteer hours to many organizations and events within our community.

On behalf of the Essex Firemen's Association and the Executive Committee, I would like to personally thank you, the Town of Essex and Council members for supporting us during a difficult time. It is certainly our hope that the current situation will be behind us soon and we can once again get back to what we do best, supporting our community and its partners.

Best regards,

Brandon Chartier
President – Essex Firemen's Association

Cc: Town of Essex Council