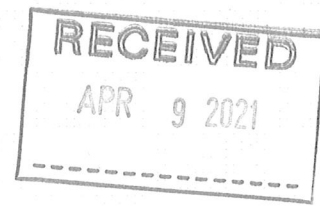




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Jonathan LeBlanc, Chief
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Dear Mr. LeBlanc:

On behalf of the Premier, I thank you for your letter dated March 6, 2021. I would also like to acknowledge the vital services that you and the Eel Brook & District Volunteer Fire Department (EBVFD) provide for our communities.

Since your letter, we have also received subsequent correspondence from MLA LeBlanc and I have cc'd him on this reply. I understand that you have been seeking funding opportunities for a new fire hall project for the EBVFD.

You have expressed that your funding requests were turned down without consideration or helpful advice. I assure you that we explored the matter fully before our Office replied to your requests. To seek further understanding and offer any guidance, I am asking that Hardy Stuckless, Director of Finance, Grants, Programs and Operations within Municipal Affairs, reach out to you to discuss.

I thank you and the EBVFD for your efforts on behalf of those you serve and wish you well on this project and all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Brendan Maguire
Minister of Municipal Affairs

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