## Alana Richards

**Subject:** FW: Lantz Fire Service Request
**Attachments:** Briefing Notes, New Station, June 2022.pdf

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**Sent:** January 23, 2025 5:12 PM
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**Cc:** Craig Merriam <cmerriam@easthants.ca>; Kim Ramsay <kramsay@easthants.ca>
**Subject:** FW: Lantz Fire Service Request

Hi Adam,

Can you place this email and the attachment on council correspondence for discussion.

Knowing this will take 3 – 5 years shouldn't identify a plan to replace this building now?

Can we identify Canada Community-Building Funds for this project https://housing-infrastructure.canada.ca/ccbf-fdcc/index-eng.html ?

Thanks

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**From:** Kory Orchard < >
**Sent:** January 23, 2025 11:05 AM
**To:** Craig Merriam <cmerriam@easthants.ca>
**Cc:** Walter Tingley <wtingley@easthants.ca>; Chiefs <; Kensa Harris-Nockles < >
**Subject:** Re: Lantz Fire Service Request

Thanks Gentleman,

We had already projected increases based on growth experienced in the community and had put together a long term budget planning document pushing out to 2030. This is currently being updated with some of the latest financial planning information for expected expenses starting this coming year. Once it is done we will be happy to send that over to you or arrange to meet with you to review some of our rationale and upcoming plans.

The largest driving factor to the requested increased levy funding is the reality that our station has reached its end of lifespan and no longer addresses the current or future needs of the community and the department.

We had provided briefing notes back in June of 2022 which I have attached for your reference. Since that time we have entered into an MOU with the municipality for the purpose of a new Fire Station on the property located on the corner of Hwy 2 and Hwy 277 where the old Lantz School was located. Just before the holidays we had received word from Adam Clarkson that at this time there was no appetite from the government for partnering on development of this project. As a funding model is not secured and the costs for construction continue to rise there is no doubt that we will need to increase our funding in order to help get this project moving.

Presently we have a 1.6 million dollar aerial truck on order and we had plans for a small 14' x 16' carport in order to extend our current building envelope. We had projected that this could extend the building life to an additional 7-10 years. Unfortunately, due to new requirements for disaster proof structures this made this project too costly for what we would be getting.

Although we planned for the worst scenario and the new truck will fit within the station it leaves no space between trucks making things very difficult operationally.

Coupled with that, we had identified several areas that the current station does not meet general occupational health & safety norms. We have one bathroom and no showers for members. During the flooding in the Brooklyn area in July of 2023, our members responded to assist in a Swift Water rescue/recovery capacity for six straight days. Members were exposed during this time to the contaminated water and would have arrived back at the station only to go home to their houses and bring these contaminants with them. Water testing was done after the fact and the results were both surprising and alarming. Each and every time our Volunteer members respond to fires or other emergencies they have no ability to clean before they head home and this is simply not acceptable.

Wanted to try and give you some background information which you likely did not have.

Even if we were to start the designing and planning for a new station tomorrow, we are realistically 3-5 years out from a project of this scope being completed.

Would be more than happy to arrange a meeting with yourself and Walter to review any questions or concerns you may have in order to secure your support for this increased levy request.

Thanks and have a great day!

Kory Orchard

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On Tue, Jan 21, 2025 at 4:29 PM Craig Merriam <cmerriam@easthants.ca> wrote:

> Dear Kory,
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> I've spoken with Councillor Tingley, and we understand that you received notification recently about the expected 2025-26 Lantz fire levy, resulting in an estimated increase of $56,000 at the same 0.14 rate for 2025-26.
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> Where this is in the ballpark of the increase you were looking for, do you still feel there is a need for an increase beyond this? If so, can you please provide more details behind your analysis, and then municipal staff can review your proposal?
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> Thanks for your email and I'm looking forward to meeting with you and dropping by the station sometime.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Craig

**Craig Merriam**

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