



# Town Of Lockeport

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The Honourable Steven Guilbeault  
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## **RE: Request for Exemption of Volunteer Emergency Service Providers from new Fuel Charges**

Minister Guilbeault,

On behalf of the Town of Lockeport, I am writing to you to advocate for the dedicated emergency service providers within our Town and respectfully request that you consider conceding to an exemption to the volunteer emergency service providers from the new fuel tax charges.

We know the selfless contributions of the volunteer emergency service providers, including firefighters and medical first responders are immeasurable. They dedicate their time and skill to save the lives and protect the property of our fellow citizens, often putting themselves at risk.

While we understand the necessity of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting cleaner fuels for future generations, as well as our planet, we believe it is important to recognize the challenges faced by volunteer emergency service providers in the Province of Nova Scotia. These volunteer emergency service providers are essential to small towns like Lockeport where we could be waiting for up to an hour for an ambulance to arrive.

The implementation of these new fuel charges will create an added financial burden on these organizations, which often operate on limited budgets and rely on the commitment of our members who generously devote their personal resources to serving the public. This increased cost may restrict their ability to maintain and deploy their emergency response vehicles, which could jeopardize the safety and well-being of community members in need.

I think this would be a great way of thanking those who risk their lives and thereby make sure they can continue to protect the community, and it may entice others to become volunteer emergency service providers.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Cory Nickerson  
Mayor

CC: Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities  
Mr. Rick Perkins, MP for South Shore – St. Margaret's  
Mr. Nolan Young, M.L.A. for Shelburne

*My Town . . .*

Lockeport – where we partner to build a prosperous future with services that provide value and a quality of life which we take pride in.