

August 11, 2020

Hon Chuck Porter
Minister Responsible for Emergency Management
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Dear Mr. Minister:

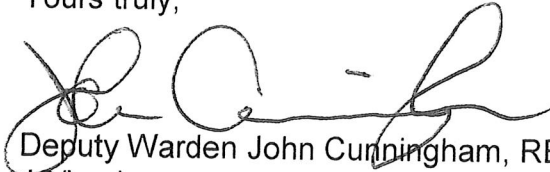
Yarmouth County is once again this year being faced with drought conditions and is in the process of assisting residents with a water distribution program – both potable and non-potable.

As with most other municipalities, not only in Nova Scotia but across Canada, we are being faced with additional expenses due to Covid-19. Modifications have been made to: accommodate the provincial health guidelines: tax relief to residents; improvement cost to Mariners Centre to safely provide water to residents; providing funding to fire department and Yarmouth County Ground Search and Rescue to safely distribute and monitor the water are but a few of the extra expenses that have been incurred.

With this in mind, Yarmouth County REMO is requesting financial assistance from the province with a potable water distribution program that will be tracked and monitored by the municipalities. A coupon system will be made available to residents to allow them to receive drinking water, at no cost, from local retailers. There is a weekly per household or per visit limit set. Each coupon will allow residents to receive one case of 24 bottles or one box of 4 (4 liter) jugs or one fill up of their own large water jugs. This effort will assist our residents during this difficult time but is, unfortunately, another financial strain on our already stretched municipal budgets – we are requesting your support.

We look forward to your reply regarding providing financial assistance to sustain this effort.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Cunningham', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Deputy Warden John Cunningham, REMO Chair
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