



January 3, 2019

Jeff Gushue, CAO
Town of Yarmouth
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Yarmouth NS B5A 1G2

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Dear Mr. Gushue:

RE: Water from Mariners Centre

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and your team for the assistance provided at your offices during the 2018 water shortage.

In 2016 and in 2018, residents of the District of Yarmouth experienced severe water shortages. In both cases, the EMO organizations of both MODY and Municipality of Argyle collaborated to deliver solutions to residents. In both instances, the Mariner's Center provided significant relief to residents via the distribution of water to both private home owners and to commercial haulers.

I've worked with the General Manager at the Mariner's Center to determine the volume of water distributed and the direct cost associated with the water distribution.

For 2015 and 2017, the average water consumption at the Mariners Center June to November was 682,000 gallons. In 2016 and 2018, the average consumption for the same period was 1,448,000 gallons – an increase of 766,000 gallons above average.

The water rate is \$6.27 per 1,000 gallons. That is an expense of \$4,802.82 for the 766,000 gallons of water distributed during the drought in 2018. The corresponding sewer charge is \$4.617 per 1,000 gallons or \$3,536.62. Total expense is \$8,339.44.

Given the Mariner's Center is jointly owned and financed by the three municipal units in Yarmouth County, and given the water distribution was a service for two of the three units, I provided Council with a request for decision at the December meeting which resulted in the following unanimously passed motion of Council:

"....to request the Town of Yarmouth forgive the sewer charges for the 766,000 gallons of water which was hauled away and not discharged into the Town's waste water system and to voluntarily pay to the Mariners Centre half of the water consumption expenses (\$2,401.41) as a proactive expression of appreciation for their role in addressing the water shortage in 2018."

Therefore, I submit this letter to you requesting the Town forgive the sewer charges to the Mariner's Center related to water volumes that were distributed to residents, on behalf of MODY and MODA, and not flushed through the municipal waste water system.

Yours truly,



Victoria Brooks
Chief Administrative Officer

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Cc: Alain Muise, CAO Municipality of Argyle ✓
Gil Dares, General Manager Mariner's Center