From: Minister, Natural Resources <MINDNR@novascotia.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Anique Dugas <communications@munclare.ca>
Subject: PNS-59835-P6W6H1 [Anique Dugas] Letter - Request for the DNRR to Consider Purchasing Water Bomber Airplanes CRM:0453179

Yvon LeBlanc

Warden

Municipality of Clare

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Dear Warden LeBlanc:

I am responding to your letter of September 24, 2025, regarding the procurement of water bomber airplanes.

The Province of Nova Scotia currently has four aircraft that we use for a variety of purposes including water bombing on wildfires. These helicopters have proven to be quite sufficient to support our wildfire fighting effort year after year. Sometimes wildfires do occur that require us to ask for assistance from other agencies with larger aircraft. In these cases, our national agreements for resource sharing allow us to access these resources very quickly.

After events, like those we have experienced this season, there have been numerous internal meetings to review what actions we took. From these discussions we take everything into consideration to see what we can do better in the future.

We thank you for your interest in our wildfire fighting effort.

Regards,

Original signed by

Tory Rushton

Minister of Natural Resources