

# News Release

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## Agreement reached to create new Fire Department to serve Wolfville and Greenwich Fire Districts

**Wolfville, NS** - Representatives from The Municipality of the County of Kings, Town Wolfville, Greenwich Fire Commission and Greenwich Fire Department are announcing today that they have come to terms on the framework of an agreement which will see the creation of a new fire department to serve the existing Greenwich and Wolfville Fire Districts.

The new fire department will be staffed by volunteer firefighters from among the existing Greenwich and Wolfville Fire Departments. As part of the agreement, the parties have committed to the construction of a new fire station for the area which will meet the demands of the modern fire service as well as accessibility and environmental standards for years to come. All parties have committed to working collaboratively through a process driven by a focus on public safety to determine a suitable location for the new station.

The next steps in the process will involve the creation of an intermunicipal service corporation to manage the new fire service. In the meantime, the existing Greenwich and Wolfville Fire Departments will continue to operate as they do presently until construction of a new station is completed.

Consistent with past commitments by all of the parties involved, the residents of the new fire district will be duly consulted as the process moves forward.

### Quotes:

Greenwich Fire Commission/Greenwich Fire Department (Chief Jason Ripley):

***“The agreement we have reached with our partners satisfies many of the concerns we expressed during the earlier consolidation process that took place in early 2022. I am satisfied that all parties involved are committed to ensuring the highest possible level of fire service for all residents of the fire new district and we look forward to working collectively on building this new service from the ground up.”***

Municipality of the County of Kings (Mayor Peter Muttart):

***“On behalf of Municipal Council, I would like to express appreciation to our Greenwich and Wolfville partners on finding common ground and reaching this agreement. We are excited to move to the next steps that will involve subject experts and the public.”***

Town of Wolfville/Wolfville Fire Department (Mayor Wendy Donovan):

***“Through sincere and open discussion, and collaboration of municipal and fire service partners, an agreement has been reached that respects the interests of all parties. More importantly, this new service will provide the high-level fire service our growing region requires. This agreement is forward looking, and I thank all those involved for their significant efforts on behalf of our residents, businesses, and visitors.”***

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