



## Request for Agenda Item

**Date of Committee of the Whole Council Meeting:** March 12, 2024

(Requests must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office by end of day on the Wednesday before the meeting)

**Subject:** Provincial Ambulance Service Act - Bill 338

**Motion to be Considered:** Being duly moved and seconded that a letter in support of Bill 338 be sent to the Minister of Health and Wellness, the Honourable Michelle Thompson, with copies sent to the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Honourable Zach Churchill, the New Democratic Party Leader, Claudia Chender, Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin and all municipalities in Nova Scotia.

**Reason:**

Last fall, MLA Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin tabled Bill 338 - An Act Respecting the Creation of a Provincial Ambulance Service (<https://nslegislature.ca/legislative-business/bills-statutes/bills/assembly-64-session-1/bill-338>), which would direct the Minister of Health and Wellness to create an ambulance service owned and operated by the Department of Health and Wellness (DHW).

Concerned community members in Shag Harbour and Woods Harbour have expressed their concern with the current ambulance service and believe that a provincially-run service would be better.

This bill did not pass but does still sits on the order paper and could be called to debate this spring. For that reason, I am requesting the Council support this bill by sending a letter to the Minister of Health and Wellness, with copies going to the other provincial parties and municipalities.

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**Date:** March 4, 2024