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**To:** Municipality of Barrington  
**Subject:** A Letter from the Department of Health and Wellness

Dear Warden Nickerson:

Thank you for your letter dated March 2, 2021, regarding the availability of EHS ambulance services.

As Minister of Health and Wellness I can assure you that I am dedicated to quality and timely access to emergency prehospital care for all Nova Scotians regardless of their area of residence. While there have been reports through social media that no ambulances are available in certain areas of the Province, these messages do not accurately reflect true emergency ambulance coverage nor the dynamic deployment model used to reallocate resources in response to call demand.

I am proud of the excellent care our dedicated and skilled paramedics provide to hundreds Nova Scotians each day, especially during these unprecedented times of living with the challenges of Covid-19. The EHS system is attentively working to guarantee access to care for patients and families within the mandated response time.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with me. The health and safety of Nova Scotia residents will always be a priority for our government, and we will continue to support Emergency Health Services in providing high quality out-of-hospital care throughout the province.

Sincerely,

Barry Burke,  
Executive Director  
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