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Premier Doug Ford

By email only [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the March 2, 2021 Howick Council meeting:

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:**

**Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced that as of March 31, 2021 the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College will be permanently closed; and  
Whereas, the Province of Ontario announced plans to modernize and expand access to firefighter training in Ontario; and**

**Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how to obtain firefighter training in the absence of the Ontario Fire College campus; and**

**Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in Ontario will be modernized and expanded; and**

**Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario regarding the costs or funding for modernized and expanded firefighter training in Ontario; and**

**Whereas, the Township of Howick is a small rural municipality that operates a volunteer fire department to provide fire protection;**

**Now therefore, be it resolved that Council respectfully request a clear plan be communicated that establishes how the Province intends to modernize and expand firefighter training ensuring equal access to all municipal fire departments in Ontario, and as well, present a plan for funding to subsidise and or regulate the cost for firefighter training in the Province of Ontario. Carried.**

**Resolution No. 59/21**

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

*Carol Watson*

Carol Watson, Clerk  
Township of Howick

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