



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

February 12, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Email: premier@ontario.ca

VIA EMAIL

Re: Ontario Fire College

Dear Honourable Ford,

At its meeting of February 8th, 2021, Council for the Town of Amherstburg passed the following:

Resolution # 20210208-033

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been in existence since 1949; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is the most cost-effective method to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg hereby supports the resolution from the Township of Augusta and the Town of Lake of Bays and requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the College is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents. Should the College continue to be closed as announced, that the Funds associated with the operation of the Fire College be retained for the exclusive use of the Ontario Fire Service to offset the financial impact of Fire fighter training; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence from the Town of Lake of Bays, Muskoka, for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,



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cc:

Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General

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Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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February 3, 2021

Via email: asimonian@augusta.ca

Township of Augusta
Attention: Annette Simonian, Clerk
3560 County Road 26
Prescott, ON
K0E 1T0

Dear Ms. Simonian:

RE: Correspondence – Ontario Fire College

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #8(f)/02/02/21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Township of Augusta regarding their request for support for the Province of Ontario to reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College, dated January 25, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Augusta, the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

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Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal
All Ontario Municipalities

TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

Moved By: TANYA HENRY

Date: January 25, 2021

Seconded By: JEFF SHAWEN

Resolution No: 4

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RECORDED VOTE:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Bowman | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor Henry | _____ | _____ |
| Mayor Malanka | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor Schapelhouman | _____ | _____ |
| Deputy Mayor Shaver | _____ | _____ |

CARRIED: Donna
MAYOR

DEFEATED: _____
MAYOR

Declaration of pecuniary interest by: _____

Nature of interest: _____

- ☐ Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest
- ☐ Vacated His/Her/Their Seat
- ☐ Abstained from discussion and did not vote on the question

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| Deputy Mayor Shaver | _____ | _____ |

CARRIED: *Dan Malanka*
MAYOR

DEFEATED: _____
MAYOR

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