

March 15, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL

**RE: Support of Save the Ontario Fire College Resolution dated February 11, 2021,
received from Chris McConnell, President, OPSEU Local 317**

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, February 23, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-48-21

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

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

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

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

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

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities 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 Municipality of Leamington requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; 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.

Carried

Sincerely,

Signature on File

Brenda M. Percy, Clerk

cc: 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

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March 10, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Please be advised that at their March 2nd, 2021 meeting the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry passed motion 66-2021 to endorse and support the resolution requesting the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst.

MOTION
66-2021

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

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

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

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

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

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities 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

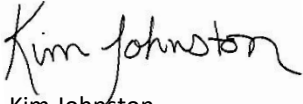
WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; 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.

Carried.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Johnston
Deputy Clerk
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

c.c Municipality of Charlton and Dack

March 9, 2021

Re: Item for Discussion – Request the Province of Ontario to Reverse Decision to Close Ontario Fire College

At its meeting of March 3, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motions 21-GC-057, regarding the request to the Province of Ontario to reverse the decision to close the Ontario Fire College, as follows:

“WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College (OFC) has been in existence since 1949;

AND WHEREAS the OFC is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters;

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

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

AND WHEREAS the OFC 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the OFC as it is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; 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.”

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Bracebridge, ON
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In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for you reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. McDonald". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "L" and a cursive "McDonald".

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
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February 25, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Ontario Fire College, Gravenhurst

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on February 22, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 24-2

MOVED by **Michael Jubb** and SECONDED by **Cria Pettingill**

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 Centres 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: The 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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Brock requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the OFC is one of the best and most cost effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and,

BE IT FUTHER 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, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Fire Marshal; and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Jamieson".

Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

BJ:dh

cc. The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General - sylvia.jones@ontario.ca
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - minister.mah@ontario.ca
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal – Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca
Ontario municipalities



March 9, 2021

Premier Doug Ford

By email only premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the February 22, 2021 Limerick Township Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Ingo Weise
Seconded By: Councillor Jan MacKillican
Resolution No. 036-2021

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 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 Limerick is a small rural municipality that operates a volunteer fire department to provide fire protection;
Now therefor, 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 subsidize and or regulate the cost for firefighter training in the Province of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale

Victoria Tisdale – Clerk-Treasurer

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March 12, 2021

TO: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshall
Dufferin County Municipalities

Dear Sirs/Madams:

At the meeting of Council held on March 3, 2021, the following motion was passed:

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

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

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

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

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

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities 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 Township of Mulmur requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; 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 municipalities within Dufferin County.

Yours Truly,

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson
CAO, Planner, Acting Clerk



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March 3, 2021

Premier Doug Ford

By email only 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

Cc Solicitor General Sylvia Jones
Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson
Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg
Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Mark McDonald
AMO President Graydon Smith
All Ontario Municipalities