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December 2, 2024

To: Dufferin County Lower-Tier Municipal Councils

**Re: Dufferin County Multi-Jurisdiction Fire Prevention and Protection Modernization Plan**

At its Regular Meeting of Council held November 26, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa passed the following resolution:

**Moved By: Councillor Banfield**

**Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Stirk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council for the Township of East Garafraxa petition the local municipalities within Dufferin County to request the County of Dufferin to consider providing County-wide fire services.

**CARRIED**

Council is of the opinion that further investigation and consideration of the feasibility of Dufferin County providing County-wide fire services are warranted before offering comments on the Dufferin County Multi-Jurisdictional Fire Prevention and Protection Modernization Plan (the report), specifically as outlined in Option 1: County-Run Fire Department (Single Department).

While Council supports, in principle, Option 3: Municipal Operations, outlined in the report, which proposes disbanding Fire Boards and becoming municipal departments, it does not address the issues of rising costs or the complexities and challenges associated with providing fire services.

Council recognizes that each Fire Board and municipality has unique needs and challenges, which underscores the necessity for further investigation and consultation regarding Option 1: County-Run Fire Department (Single Department).

As noted in the report in Option 1, *"This option offers the greatest potential for consistency, accountability, and improvement in the fire service."*

Council respectfully requests your support in prioritizing further exploration of the single-department option (Option 1) before considering or moving forward with other options.

Sincerely,

Mayor Guy Gardhouse  
Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa

cc: Dufferin County