



February 25, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Ford:

On February 23, 2021 Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution regarding the impending closure of the Ontario Fire College campus in Gravenhurst, Ontario.

Resolution #8-4-2021

Moved by Ralph Manktelow, Seconded by Sharon Martin

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario wishes to close the Ontario Fire College (OFC) located in Gravenhurst; 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 many of our firefighters are volunteers who are on call 24/7/365 with day jobs and families that expect them to come home safely each and every time; and

WHEREAS municipalities are mandated to have fire departments, yet there is no provincial or federal funding for fire departments for much needed equipment and training; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mono requests that the Province reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College 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. If the Province chooses not to reverse its decision to close the Ontario Fire College, the Province should provide direct financial support to municipalities to offset the increase training costs of providing Provincially mandated fire fighting services.

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"

Respectfully,

Fred Simpson

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cc: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General & MPP Dufferin-Caledon
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal
All Ontario Municipalities