



# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

February 12, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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VIA EMAIL

## **Re: Ontario Fire College**

Dear Honourable Ford,

At its meeting of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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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