



# Township of Perry

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Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Right Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request that the Province of Ontario Reverse Decision to  
Close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst**

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Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

**"Resolution #2021-69"**

***Moved by: Paul Sowrey***

***Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail***

***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 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 Perry 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."**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beth Morton  
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General  
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg  
Ontario Fire College – Gravenhurst Campus  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Township of Perry Fire Chief Dan Marshall