



**The Corporation of the Township of Strong**

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

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

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

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Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 23, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong supported the following resolution:

***“Resolution R2021-041***

***Moved By: Jeff McLaren    Seconded by: Jody Baillie***

*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 Corporation of the Township of Strong hereby 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,



Caitlin Haggart  
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  
Sundridge Strong Fire Chief Andrew Torrance