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The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General of Ontario
Ministry of the Solicitor General
25 Grosvenor Street, 18th Floor
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Dear Solicitor General Jones:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of May 24, 2022
Motion 10.3 - Councillor Thompson; Re: Mandatory Firefighter Certification

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on May 24, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and

Whereas the introduction of new provincial policies and programs can have an impact on municipalities; and

Whereas municipal governments are generally supportive of efforts to modernize and enhance the volunteer and full-time fire services that serve Ontario communities; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) believes in principle that fire certification is a step in the right direction, it has not endorsed the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification presented by the Province; and

Whereas municipalities and AMO are concerned the thirty-day consultation period was insufficient to fully understand the effects such regulations will have on municipal governments and their fire services; and

Whereas fire chiefs have advised that the Ontario firefighter certification process will create additional training and new costs pressures on fire services; and

Whereas the Ontario government has not provided any indication they will offer some form of financial support to deliver this service; and

Whereas AMO, on behalf of municipal governments, in a letter to Solicitor General Jones dated February 25, 2022, made numerous comments and requests to address the shortcomings in the draft regulations;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora does hereby support AMO's recommendations; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora does hereby call on the Solicitor General of Ontario to work with AMO, municipal governments and fire chiefs across Ontario to address the concerns raised so that municipalities can continue to offer high quality services to their communities; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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