

January 26, 2017

Via Email

To: All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Municipal Fire Department Infrastructure

Please be advised that Council adopted the following motion at their meeting of January 16, 2017;

WHEREAS the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, legislates that fire prevention, public education and fire protection services are a mandatory municipal responsibility;

AND WHEREAS there are a total of 449 Fire Departments operating in the province comprised of 32 Full Time Departments, 191 Composite Departments and 226 Volunteer Departments with 11,376 Full Time Firefighters, 19,347 Volunteer Firefighters and 343 Part-Time Firefighters staffing these departments;

AND WHEREAS the fire service represents a significant percentage of small, rural and northern municipalities' managed capital assets;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS there are currently no funding opportunities available from the Provincial or the Federal Government for the equipment, training, maintenance, operating or capital requirements of local fire departments;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth hereby petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Jim Wilson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cindy Anne Maher".

Cindy Anne Maher CMO  
Clerk/Director of Administration Services