



Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre

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February 7, 2017

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building – Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

At its last regular meeting held on February 6, 2017, the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre reviewed a resolution enacted by the Council of the Town of New Tecumseth, at its regular meeting held on January 16, 2017, with regard to funding for Fire Department Infrastructure.

I wish to advise that the Thames Centre Council enacted the following resolution:

“WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre, hereby supports the Council of the Town of New Tecumseth’s resolution, passed at its meeting held on January 16, 2017, to have the municipal fire service recognized as critical infrastructure;

AND 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 Municipality of Thames Centre 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;

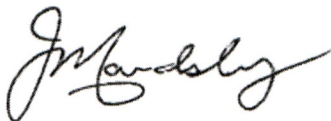
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Jeff Yurek, MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities."

The Council respectfully requests that consideration be given to provide funding for Fire Department Infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Maudsley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" being more prominent than the last name "Maudsley".

Jim Maudsley
Mayor

cc: Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure
Jeff Yurek, MPP, Elgin-Middlesex-London
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA)
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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;

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Yours truly,

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

Cindy Anne Maher CMO
Clerk/Director of Administration Services