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March 31st, 2021

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

Attention: Premier Ford

RE: Support for Fire Departments

At the Township of Hudson's Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday March 3rd, 2021, the following resolution 2021-049 was put forward and passed:

WHEREAS the role of Ontario's 441 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part-time, and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property; and

WHEREAS according to the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management's latest data, in Ontario there was over 11,000 number of loss fires, 9,500 no loss fires, 784 injuries, 91 fatalities, and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018; and

WHEREAS fire emergencies only make up a portion of the total calls for help received by fire and emergency service departments as they respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster, or 9-1-1 call; and

WHEREAS Ontario's fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000; and

WHEREAS due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson resolves as follows:

1. **THAT** the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and

2. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Please accept this for your consideration and any necessary action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Kemp". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jordan Kemp
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Hudson

“VIA EMAIL”

April 21, 2021

The Corporation of the Township of Hudson
903303 Hanbury Road
New Liskeard, ON
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Attention: Jordan Kemp – Clerk/Treasurer

Dear Ms. Kemp:

Re: Support for Fire Departments

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter and resolution dated March 31, 2021 pertaining to the above noted.

This will also serve to advise you that your correspondence was received by Council at its regular meeting held Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 and the following resolution was passed:

“Resolution No.: 103-2021

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Bélisle Seconded by :Councillor Shea Henderson

BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane endorses and supports the resolution from the Township of Hudson that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters.

CARRIED”

Trusting that this action of Council will be of assistance, I remain

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

Alice Mercier
Clerk

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