

February 3, 2021

Via email: [asimonian@augusta.ca](mailto:asimonian@augusta.ca)

Township of Augusta  
**Attention: Annette Simonian, Clerk**  
3560 County Road 26  
Prescott, ON  
K0E 1T0

Dear Ms. Simonian:

**RE: Correspondence – Ontario Fire College**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2021, and the following was passed.

**“Resolution #8(f)/02/02/21**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Township of Augusta regarding their request for support for the Province of Ontario to reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College, dated January 25, 2021;**

**AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Augusta, 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 Ontario Municipalities.**

**Carried.”**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

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Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.  
CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal  
All Ontario Municipalities

## TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

Moved By: TANYA HENRY

Date: January 25, 2021

Seconded By: JEFF SHAWEN

Resolution No: 4

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College has been in existence since 1949; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College 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 has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College is the most cost-effective method 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 Township of Augusta requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College 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.

**RECORDED VOTE:**

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Bowman	_____	_____
Councillor Henry	_____	_____
Mayor Malanka	_____	_____
Councillor Schapelhouman	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Shaver	_____	_____

CARRIED: Donnell  
MAYOR

DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

Declaration of pecuniary interest by: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest
- ☐ Vacated His/Her/Their Seat
- ☐ Abstained from discussion and did not vote on the question