

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

March 22, 2021

Resolution Number: 2021-

Moved By:

Seconded By:

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been in operation since 1949, where its primary responsibility is to develop and delivery academically sound educational and hands on training programs to meet the needs of both today's and tomorrow's fire services; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College's main objective is to assist the students to become the best trained and most professional members of the Ontario fire service; and

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

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training for our fire services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been utilized by the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal for numerous years to train and certify our volunteer fire fighters; and

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Volunteer Fire Department is on call 24/7 for 365 days a year, with regular jobs and families that expect them to come home safely each and every time; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College provides fire fighters with another option other than Regional Training Centres to obtain their National Fire Protection Association certification; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is the most cost effective method to certify fire fighters to National Fire Protection Association standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS when the Government of Ontario enacted and revoked Ontario Regulation 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

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire Service stakeholders were not consulted regarding the closure of the Ontario Fire College training facility in Gravenhurst; and

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Mayor:

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WHEREAS municipalities in the Province of Ontario are mandated to establish a program including public education and fire prevention, and provide fire protection services as it deems may be necessary with its needs and circumstance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVES THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal hereby strongly requests that the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as it is one of the best and most cost effective methods for municipalities to educate and train their firefighters which assists in protecting all residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the Government of Ontario chooses to not reverse its decision to close the Ontario Fire College, the Province should provide direct financial support to municipalities to offset the increased training costs of providing Provincially mandated firefighting services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be 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 House, the Ontario Fire Marshal, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

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