

March 9, 2021

Re: Item for Discussion – Request the Province of Ontario to Reverse Decision to Close Ontario Fire College

At its meeting of March 3, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motions 21-GC-057, regarding the request to the Province of Ontario to reverse the decision to close the Ontario Fire College, as follows:

“WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College (OFC) has been in existence since 1949;

AND WHEREAS the OFC is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters;

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

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

AND WHEREAS the OFC 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the OFC as it 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.”

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In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for you reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. McDonald". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "L" and a cursive "McDonald".

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk