

May 3, 2024

Honourable David Piccini, MPP
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
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Dear Sir:

RE: Resolution of Support – Expand Life Span of Fire Apparatus

At its Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand passed the following resolution:

RES:20240213-18

Moved by Councillor Greg Booth, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

"Whereas the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand considered the Resolution from the County of Prince Edward regarding support to request the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks, due to insurance requirements;

Be it resolved that Council hereby provides its support; and

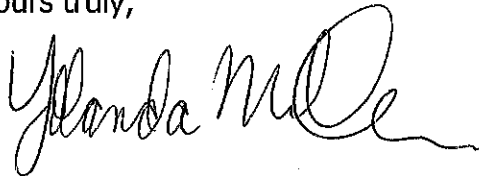
Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to: MPP David Piccini - Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED.

Please find attached the resolution from the County of Prince Edward as supporting documentation.

We respectfully submit the resolution and supporting documentation for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yolanda Melburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Yolanda Melburn
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

Cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing
All Ontario Municipalities

January 22, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 16, 2024 the following motion regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46

DATE: January 16, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman

SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst

WHEREAS By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

THAT the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Nieman, Councillor Branderhorst, Marcia Wallace, CAO and Fire Chief Chad Brown

