



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.:

Title: Request the Province of Ontario Reverse Decision to Close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst

Date: March 22, 2021

Moved by: _____
Councillor A. Lawlor

Seconded by: _____
Councillor C. Somerville

Item No.

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial government announced in January 2021 that the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst will be closed effective March 31, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option besides Regional Training Centres to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications;

AND WHEREAS this closure effects many Fire Services across the Province as the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst, as the Ontario Fire College is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents;

AND FURTHER THAT if the Province of Ontario does not reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst, Council for the Town of Halton Hills requests that the Province provides a fully funded framework that enables firefighters to receive the necessary certifications and training through the Regional Training Centre model;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of 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 Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshall Jon Pegg, AMO, FCM, Town of Milton, Town of Oakville, City of Burlington, Halton Region.

Mayor Rick Bonnette