



## Inter Township Joint Board of Management

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July 12, 2024

Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs  
177964 Grey Road 18  
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### **Re: Inter Township Joint Board of Management - Resolution in Support of Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus**

Please be advised that at its regular meeting on April 16, 2024, the Inter Township Joint Board of Management passed the following resolution in support of the attached resolutions of the Village of Merrickville Wolford and the Township of Lanark Highlands concerning expanding the life of fire apparatus:

Moved By: Member Rick Winters

Seconded By: Member Steve Bartley

**That the Inter Township Joint Board of Management hereby supports the resolution of the Village of Merrickville Wolford and the resolution of support by the Township of Lanark Highlands; and**

**That staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the joint ownership Councils for consideration.**

Approved

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carly".

Carly Craig  
Board Secretary  
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Encl.



March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**ATTENTION: Hon. Doug Ford, Hon. David Piccini, & Hon. Paul Calandra**

Dear Premier Ford, Hon. David Piccini, & Hon. Paul Calandra:

**RE: Resolution – Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

*Moved by Councillor Kelso*

*Seconded by Councillor Closs*

**THAT**, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands supports the resolution from the Village of Merrickville Wolford regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus;

**AND 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;



**AND FURTHER THAT**, this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC).

**Resolved**

Sincerely,

*Amanda Noël*

Amanda Noël,  
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. All Ontario Municipalities  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC)  
Association of Municipalities



## Village of Merrickville Wolford

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February 16, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

### **Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its regular meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion endorsing the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

**Resolution #:** R-21-12-02-24  
**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Barr  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Ireland

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford endorse the resolution received from Prince Edward County 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 Fire Underwriters Survey 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.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca](mailto:clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca).

Your truly,

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman  
Clerk

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

