

County of Frontenac

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Hon. Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Via email: <u>Premier@ontario.ca</u>

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Frontenac County Council Meeting – February 21, 2024 – County of Frontenac Support for Bill C-310, Amendments to the Income Tax Act Increase the Amount of Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighting and Search and Rescue Volunteer

Please be advised that the Council of the County of Frontenac, at its regular meeting held February 21, 2024, passed the following resolution, being Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given, clause a):

Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given

a) County of Frontenac Support for Bill C-310,
Amendments to the Income Tax Act
Increase the Amount of Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighting
and Search and Rescue Volunteer

Motion #: 26-24 Moved By: Councillor Saunders
Seconded By: Councillor Lichty

Whereas the Council of the County of Frontenac reviewed the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa calling upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to the Income Tax Act to increase the amount of tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services; and

Whereas County Council recognizes the importance of volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers and that without their services, many communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and,



Whereas these individuals receive some form of pay to cover expenses, but do not draw a living wage from firefighting;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the County of Frontenac calls upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to the Income Tax Act to increase the amount of tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and,

Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Office of the Fire Marshall, Mark Gerretsen, MP, Kingston and the Islands, Scott Reid, MP, Lanark - Frontenac - Kingston, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

I trust you will find this in order; however should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-548-9400, ext. 302 or via email at jamini@frontenaccounty.ca.

Yours Truly,

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