



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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Premier Doug Ford
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Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday August 11, 2025, the following resolution of support was passed.

RE: Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 – Firefighter Certification Requirements

Resolution: 203-2025

Moved By: Councillor Dube

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Terrace Bay acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP Lise Vaugeois, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, NOMA and all Ontario municipalities.



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Sincerely,

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