

# THE TOWNSHIP OF PICKLE LAKE

## RESOLUTION

DATE: February 28, 2017

NO: 17-54

MOVED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

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**WHEREAS** the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, legislates that fire protection, public education and fire protection services are a mandatory municipal responsibility;

**AND WHEREAS** there are a total of 449 Fire Departments in the Province of Ontario comprised of 32 Full-time Departments, 191 Composite Departments and 226 volunteer Firefighters and 343 Part-time Firefighters staffing these departments;

**AND WHEREAS** the fire service represents a significant percentage of small, rural and northern municipalities' managed capital assets;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** there are currently no funding opportunities available from the Provincial or the Federal Government for the equipment, training, maintenance, operating or capital requirements of local fire departments;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the <sup>TOWNSHIP</sup> Municipality of Pickle Lake hereby petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as a critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department Infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland-Quinte West, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

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MACKECHNIE				DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTION (CHECK ONE):
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