

# Township of McKellar

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November 22, 2016

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
The Honourable Brad Duguid  
The Honourable Bob Chiarelli  
Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
All Ontario Municipalities

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Please be advised that at its regular meeting held, Monday November 21, 2016 the Council of the Township of McKellar passed the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: 16-384**

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

**AND WHEREAS** there are a total of 449 Fire Departments operating in the province comprised of 32 Full-Time Departments, 191 Composite Departments and 226 Volunteer Departments with 11,376 Full-Time Firefighters, 19,347 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 Township of McKellar hereby petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Governments Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

As per the above resolution, please accept this correspondence for your information and consideration.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact undersigned.

Sincerely,

Shawn Boggs  
Clerk Administrator  
Township of McKellar