



Protective Services Committee

AGENDA

**Monday, February 25, 2022
at 9:00 a.m.**

1. Call meeting to order
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Approval of Agenda
4. FPPA – Firefighter Certification – Formal Comment - [Resolution](#)
5. [Fire Hall Garage](#)
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjournment

Firefighter Certification

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General is seeking public input on a proposed regulation under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 (FPPA) that would establish mandatory minimum certification standards for specific fire protection services;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Admaston/Bromley has been served by the Douglas Fire Department since its founding by the Douglas Lions Club in 1948. Staffed entirely by selfless volunteers from the community, the municipality and the Department have long committed to and emphasized training, dedicating 1559 hours to training of the total 2958 hours of operation in 2017; (need hours from 2019)

AND WHEREAS by their very nature, volunteer firefighters suspend their lives when responding to community emergencies and dedicate many weekends and evenings to training exercises, recognizing it will be neighbours requiring their help. This dedication of personal time is the bright line distinguishing volunteer from full time departments. This time commitment is already beginning to present recruitment challenges and recruitment would be significantly impaired if increased;

AND WHEREAS Full-Time Fire Departments are right now unable to fill all of their Volunteer Firefighter positions; they will lack the man power to fight fires in their communities and will have to burden the costs of hiring more full-time Fire Fighters;

AND WHEREAS the new certification requirements will cripple Volunteer Fire Departments, like the Douglas Fire Department in the Township of Admaston/Bromley. Recruitment is difficult enough at this time, adding further requirements will make it impossible. In 2018 there were 449 fire departments in Ontario, 32 are full time, 191 are composite and the remaining 226 – or 50% - are all volunteer. The new certification requirements could very well wipe out 50% of Fire Departments in Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Admaston/Bromley respectfully requests that the Solicitor General reconsider this reckless initiative, as municipalities in Ontario with Volunteer Fire Departments, cannot afford the proposed certification requirements;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Admaston/Bromley respectfully requests that the Solicitor General meet with representatives from all Volunteer Fire Departments to hear how these certification requirements will affect their departments and ultimately their communities, before any changes are made.

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REPORT

Date: February 25, 2022
To: Protective Services Committee
From: Jennifer Charkavi
Re: Douglas Fire Hall Garage

Background:

The Township applied to the ICIP COVID funding stream in the amount of \$100,000 for the expansion of the Fire Hall. The application was successful.

Discussion:

The Former Fire Chief would like to be involved in the project. The Former Fire Chief has extensive knowledge on what is required for the Fire Hall garage and has knowledge on buildings as well, which would make him an asset to the project.

Financial Implications:

None at this time.

People Consulted:

Acting Fire Chief McHale

Recommendation for Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Protective Services Committee direct the Acting Fire Chief, Acting Deputy Fire Chief, Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, CAO/Clerk, Councillor Dick and Kevin VanWoezik (former Fire Chief) to draft an RFP for the completion of the Fire Hall Garage.