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Mr. Randy Pettapiece, MPP  
Perth-Wellington  
55 Lorne Avenue East  
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Dear Mr. Pettapiece:

*Randy*

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, has forwarded your correspondence requesting funding consideration based on municipal fire services being recognized as critical infrastructure.

Modernizing public safety is a priority for the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. In the fall of 2016, in her mandate letter to the ministry, Premier Wynne set out the requirements to establish a Fire Safety Technical Table (Table) that would provide recommendations in the fall of 2017 for modernizing fire service delivery in Ontario. The Table held its inaugural meeting on January 31, 2017. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is a valued participant at the Table.

The responsibility for fire protection, as set out in the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*, falls with municipalities. They are responsible to fund and deliver services in accordance with their needs and circumstances. I have shared your letter with the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM). Staff from OFMEM are available to provide advice and assistance and can be contacted at [OFMEM-FAS-AA@ontario.ca](mailto:OFMEM-FAS-AA@ontario.ca) or 1-844-638-9560.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

*Marie-France Lalonde*

Marie-France Lalonde  
Minister

c: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier of Ontario



**Randy Pettapiece, MPP**  
Perth-Wellington

Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario

April 12, 2017

Hon. Kathleen Wynne, MPP  
Premier of Ontario  
Room 281, Main Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A8

Dear Premier:

Enclosed you will find a letter you should have received the Town of Minto. It includes a resolution passed by council calling on your government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for fire department infrastructure as part of the Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward.

The resolution is clear and self-explanatory. It is true that fire services represent a major percentage of managed capital assets for small and rural municipalities. Will your government's upcoming budget recognize this fact and provide the funds municipalities need for fire and other essential services?

I would appreciate if you would respond directly to the Town of Minto and send a copy of your response to my Queen's Park office.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Randy Pettapiece, MPP  
Perth-Wellington

Enclosures

c: Bill White, CAO/Clerk, Town of Minto  
Annileene McRobb, Deputy Clerk





Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building –  
Room 281 Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

March 14, 2017

Dear Premier Wynne:

At its last regular meeting held on February 21, 2017, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Minto reviewed a resolution enacted by the Council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes with regard to funding for Fire Department Infrastructure. I wish to advise that the Town of Minto Council enacted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Minto, hereby supports the Council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes' resolution to have the municipal fire service recognized as critical infrastructure;

AND 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;

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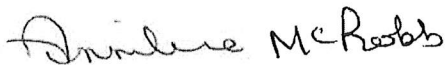
AND WHEREAS the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure;

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;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Minto 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 Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annilene McRobb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Annilene McRobb, CMO, Dipl M.M.  
Deputy Clerk

cc: Ministry of Infrastructure  
Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth Wellington  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities ( FONOM)  
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association ( ROMA)  
Township of Muskoka Lakes