

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE**



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**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building - Room 281  
Queen's Park  
Toronto Ontario, M7A 1A1  
Via Email**

**Dear Premier Wynne,**

**Please be advised the Council of the Township of Montague passed the following resolution at its meeting of Committee of the Whole of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**

**MOVED BY: K. Van Der Meer  
SECONDED BY: I. Streight**

**RESOLUTION NO: 104-2017  
DATE: September 19, 2017**

**WHEREAS The Township of Montague maintains a motivated and well-functioning volunteer fire department;**

**AND WHEREAS changes proposed to on-call provisions in the Employment Standards Act by Bill 148 will result in exorbitant tax increases to maintain fire prevention services in a rural municipality;**

**AND WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities will be unable to maintain fire services if this change is enacted;**

**AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has submitted a position paper to the Ontario government specifically requesting the exemption of all municipal volunteer firefighters;**

**NOW THEREFORE The Township of Montague requests that all municipal employees be specifically exempted from the on-call changes proposed by Bill 148;**

**AND That the Township of Montague request that the government of Ontario conduct a full economic impact study of Bill 148 to study the effect of the Bill on businesses and municipalities across Ontario;**

**AND That this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Labour Kevin Daniel Flynn, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

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Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Jasmin Ralph  
Clerk

Cc: Minister of Labour Kevin Daniel Flynn;  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities