

Resolution Number **97-10-2025**

**Moved By:** Councillor Elliot

**Seconded By:** Councillor Bowerman

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Assiginack recognizes the vital importance of maintaining a fire department that is adequately equipped, housed, and staffed with volunteer firefighters who are properly trained to respond to any emergency within our boundaries or neighboring communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Assiginack supports the implementation of the Mandatory Firefighter Certification, understanding that there will be additional expenditures for training and related costs.

FURTHER, Council respectfully requests that the legislation be amended to provide a two-year extension, from July 1, 2026, until July 1, 2028, for the certification requirements. and also requests that the current two-year period for full certification from the date of hire be removed to better accommodate the realities faced by volunteer firefighters.

AND FURTHER, this resolution be sent to the Solicitor General, the Premier of Ontario, the Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

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