



# SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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**Re: Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Council meeting:

*The Council of the Town of Smiths Falls respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;*

*AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario;*

*AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;*

*AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to:*

- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs*
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association*
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association*
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario*
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association*
- Scott Reid, M.P. Lanark-Frontenac*
- John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston*
- Minister of the Solicitor General*



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- *Minister of Infrastructure*
- *Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- *All Ontario Municipalities*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello  
Town Clerk

cc: Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs  
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