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Resolution 2024-21: Expanding the Life and Fire Apparatus

Background:

WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services, and a safe, reliable, and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs; and

WHEREAS fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey; and

WHEREAS Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices; and

WHEREAS NOMA noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules; and

WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations; and

WHEREAS NOMA supports the resolution from the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus with respect to the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements and requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities.

Recommendation:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOMA draft a letter to Minister Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOMA draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities.

Moved By: Lisa Teeple, Councillor of Emo

Seconded By: Alex Crane, Councillor of O'Connor

CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wendy Landry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "W".

President