

September 19, 2023

Township of Melancthon
157 Highway 10
Melancthon ON L9V 2E6

At its regular meeting on September 14, 2023, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Dufferin County Council supports the following Township of Melancthon resolution, dated September 12, 2023, regarding support for Bill C-310, an Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Volunteer Firefighting and Search and Rescue Volunteer Tax Credit):

WHEREAS there are 90,000 volunteer firefighters in Canada, comprising 71 per cent of all firefighters in the country;

AND WHEREAS there are an estimated 15,000 vacant firefighter positions in Canada;

AND WHEREAS Canadians' reliance on volunteer firefighters is increasing at a time of warmer weather and increased wildfires;

AND WHEREAS governments need to find new ways to incentivize the recruitment of volunteer firefighters in this country;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters are currently eligible for a \$3,000 tax credit each year;

AND WHEREAS Bill C-310 proposes to increase the firefighters' tax credit to \$10,000 per year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Melancthon calls on all Members of Parliament to vote in support of Bill C-310 to increase the firefighters' tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000 to incentivize the hiring of more recruits and to recognize those who already serve;



AND FURTHER THAT this motion be circulated to Dufferin County municipalities; Gord Johns, MP for Courtenay—Alberni; Kyle Seeback, MP for Dufferin-Caledon; Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of National Revenue.

Thank you,

Rebecca Whelan

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Deputy Clerk

Cc Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Kyle Seeback, MPP
All Dufferin Municipalities
Gord Johns, MP

