



The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

April 3, 2024

Re: Resolution to Support - Bill C-310 and Enact Amendments to the Income Tax Act in order to Increase the Amount of Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighters and Search and Rescue Respondents

To whom I may concern,

Please be advised that Council for the Township of Georgian Bluffs considered the above-noted matter and passed resolution RES2024-054 at the March 20, 2024, meeting of Council:

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That item 9.3.1 Township of Georgian Bay - Resolution to Support Bill C-310 and Enact Amendments to the Income Tax Act in order to Increase the Amount of Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighters and Search and Rescue Respondents be received for information; and

That staff be directed to forward a letter in support.

Carried

Thank you,

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The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item 11.(e)

Date: March 4, 2024

C-2024-089

Moved by Councillor Steven Predko

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and

WHEREAS these essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required; and

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay Council request the Government of Canada to increase the tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers; and

THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Ontario municipalities, and Scott Aitchison, MP.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote ☐ Referred ☐ Deferred

Peter Koetsier, Mayor