



Genevieve Scharback

From: Mayor Cole
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Hardeman, Ernie; Genevieve Scharback; Dan Best
Subject: Re: Volunteer Firefighter Amendments to Bill 148

Hello Ernie,

Thank you for providing this information.. The implications of Bill 148 is concern for rural municipalities such as South Huron, so I am pleased to see you are providing this advice. I will forward to our clerk to add to the next council meeting for council's discussion and action.

Thanks again for all you do for us everyday!

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On Nov 14, 2017, at 9:47 AM, Hardeman, Ernie <ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org> wrote:

Good morning,

I wanted to provide you with an update regarding Bill 148, the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017.

As you are aware, the way this bill is written would require municipalities to pay volunteer firefighters to be on call 24/7, which could result in millions of dollars of additional annual costs. I have heard concerns about this from many municipalities and shared them with the PC Critic for Labour, John Yakabuski.

MPP Yakabuski has put forward some amendments to the bill that will solve this problem by maintaining the status quo for volunteer firefighters. I have attached them for you to review.

If you support these amendments, I encourage you to write to the Clerk of the Committee, Eric Rennie, at comm-financeaffairs@ola.org, and copy myself and PC Labour critic MPP Yakabuski (john.yakabuski@pc.ola.org) on the e-mail so we can share your thoughts with the other committee members.

As always, if I can be of assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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PC Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing

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