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This statement is being issued in response to the ongoing public comments about the perceived Municipal intent to dismantle and close the Inwood Fire Station.

Fire Protection in Ontario is mandated and is a municipal responsibility. It is the responsibility of municipal councils to be familiar with general fire protection requirements, practices and procedures in accordance with *The Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* and the *Occupational Health & Safety Act* as amended. In 2019, further regulations will require mandatory firefighter certification to specific standards.

The Municipality stands firm in their requirements under the Occupational Health & Safety Act as an Employer to mandate training for the safety of the firefighters and to maintain a Fire Service for the community. The Municipality has **NOT** engaged in discussion on the closure of the Inwood Fire Station.

For further information, please contact the municipal office.

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