

CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY

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September 11, 2024

Honourable David Piccini
Minister of Labour, Training,
Immigration and Skilled Development
14th Floor – 400 University Avenue
Toronto, On
M7A 1T7

Dear Honourable Sir,

RE: Support – Town of Kirkland Lake – Funding AORS Municipal Equipment Operator Course

The Council of the Township of McGarry at its Regular Council Meeting of September 10, 2024, supported the resolution from the Town of Kirkland Lake regarding its request to your Ministry for funding in 2024, through the Skills Development Fund, of a Municipal Equipment Operator Course; developed by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS).

See enclosed a copy of the resolution from the Town of Kirkland Lake.

Also find enclosed a certified true copy of Township of McGarry Resolution #270/2024 passed in open Council on September 10, 2024.

Yours truly,

Karine Pelletier
Clerk-Treasurer

cc. John Vanthof – MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA)
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Municipalities in the District of Temiskaming



September 10, 2024

Resolution No. 270/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Francine Plante

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR Annie Keft

WHEREAS, municipal public works departments from across the province of Ontario provide services to their residents to ensure the health and safety of their communities, and will experience skilled labour shortages, over the next few years, to meet these responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors is working to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Township of McGarry supports the Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake in its call to the Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be directed to the Honourable Minister of Labour, Training Immigration and Skilled Trades; and forwarded to John Vanthof – MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS); and the municipalities in the District of Temiskaming.

Defeated _____ **Carried** Bonita Culhane
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote	Requested by _____	
	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____

February 22, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Motion – Municipal Equipment Operator Course (Supporting AORS' Request)

At its meeting of February 20, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake resolved the following:

*"Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight
Seconded by: Councillor Casey Owens*

WHEREAS municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND THAT the Town call upon Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, Timiskaming-Cochrane Member of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Northern Ontario

*Municipalities (FONOM), the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS),
and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.*

CARRIED".

As so directed, a copy of Council's resolution has been supplied above for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JM', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Montreuil, Dipl. M.A.
Municipal Clerk