



MEMO

To: Mayor and Council
From: The Director of Emergency Services
Date: January 08, 2025
Subject: Fire Protection Grant Received

In September, the Ontario government announced a first-time funding of \$30 million over the next three years to Ontario municipal fire departments to support cancer prevention initiatives. The funding through the Fire Protection Grant is to be used to purchase equipment and make infrastructure upgrades to help reduce the long-term effects of exposure to fire related contaminants and chemicals.

According to the Ontario government, firefighters are more likely to experience health problems because of exposure to hazardous chemicals. In Canada, 50 to 60 firefighters die of cancer every year and half of those are from Ontario alone. This funding will ensure firefighters are kept safe, while they are keeping our communities safe.

The Elliot Lake Fire Service was successful in obtaining \$8230.00 in approved funds in the 2024 grant application. The money received will be used to purchase a Heavy-Duty Extractor used to wash and decontaminate bunker gear.

The cost of an Extractor, including applicable taxes, is approximately \$8986.42. The remaining \$756.42 will come from the department's Operations Equipment account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Thomas'.

John Thomas
Director of Emergency Services