



NEWS RELEASE

North Middlesex Fire Department Receives Fire Protection Grant

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MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX – The North Middlesex Fire Department has been awarded \$16,460.90 through the Fire Protection (FP) Grant program, an initiative introduced by the Province of Ontario and the Solicitor General’s Office.

This funding will be utilized to offset some of the costs for the upcoming Ailsa Craig Fire Station renovation. “The Municipality of North Middlesex wants to thank the Province of Ontario for recognizing the importance of cancer prevention for our volunteer firefighters. This funding helps make the upcoming renovation to the Ailsa Craig Fire Station possible.” Said, Mayor Brian Ropp.

The grant will support the purchase of a washing machine and clothes dryer, as well as shower and locker facilities. “The funding we’ve received from the Province of Ontario and the Solicitor General’s Office will help mitigate the exposure to carcinogens for our firefighters and their families. The Ailsa Craig Station will soon have facilities for firefighters to shower after exposure to smoke and to wash their clothing before returning home” said Fire Chief, Greg Vandenheuvel.

The North Middlesex Fire Department would like to thank the Province of Ontario, the Solicitor General’s Office and the Office of the Fire Marshal for this grant. “With January being Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month, we are excited to receive this funding to help reduce the chance of our firefighters developing cancer due to their activities with the Department”. Said, Fire Chief, Greg Vandenheuvel.

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PHOTO 2:

(L to R): Councillor Adrian Cornelissen, Councillor Bill Irwin, Councillor Chuck Daigle, Mayor Brian Ropp, NMFD Fire Chief Greg Vandenheuvel, CAO Carolyn Tripp

