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AN OPEN LETTER TO INSURANCE COMPANIES WITH CLIENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GREATER MADAWASKA

It has recently come to our attention that major investments in fire apparatus made by the Township of Greater Madawaska over the past few years may not be known when applying insurance premiums for our property owners. We hope the following information will provide the needed clarity.

The Township of Greater Madawaska has two fire districts – Calabogie and Griffith/Matawatchan.

District #1 – Calabogie 12470A Lanark Road (County Road 511) Calabogie, ON K0J 1H0	District #2 – Griffith/Matawatchan 25991C Highway 41, Griffith, ON K0J 2R0
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2010 Chev Silverado 1/2 ton 4x4 rapid attack truck• 2009 Peterbilt triple combination pumper (1500 gallons)• 1993 Ford Rescue van• 1999 Volvo tanker (2000 gallons)• 1978 International tanker (2000 gallons)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2010 Chev Silverado 1/2 ton 4x4 rapid attack truck• 2009 Peterbilt triple combination pumper (1500 gallons)• 2001 Ford rescue van• 2004 Western Star tanker (3000 gallons)

- We have water shuttle tanker service but do not qualify for superior shuttle rating.
- We have water source access year-round through dry-wells, OPG dam sites and local lakes and rivers
- Our standard protocol is to activate both District fire halls in response to all structure, grass or bush fires.
- We have a total of 36 volunteer firefighters carrying pagers 24/7/365 and train one night/week.
- We are active members of the Renfrew County Mutual Aid Plan and through that Plan we are able to immediately call on neighbouring Townships (McNab/Braeside, Brudenell/Lyndoch and Bonnechere Valley) at no cost to supplement our fire and rescue requirements if needed. For example, heavy extrication is done by Renfrew and Bonnechere Valley at no additional cost for our Township.
- We have a shared service agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources which greatly reduces the cost of water bombers should we need to call them in.
- We cover our own territory and do not have any first response agreements with other Townships.
- We have only one automatic aid agreement with Admaston/Bromley to provide first response for a few of their properties on Pucker Street.

We hope this information has been helpful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our information line at (613) 433-2545 and we will get back to you within 3 business days.

Yours truly,

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