



UNITED COUNTIES OF LEEDS & GRENVILLE FIRE CHIEFS

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Sent via email: jon.hambides@pomaxinc.com

Dear Jon,

The Fire Chiefs of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville wish to thank-you for providing your draft report for review. The report contains multiple concepts and initiatives, some of which we feel are worthy of further investigation.

However, we are unanimous in our view that a regional fire service will not save the millions of dollars stated in the Pomax draft report (*UCLG Draft Final Report Dec 30 2020*), as submitted. In fact, we believe that the costs to convert to and run a regional service, along with the potential disruption to the volunteer base which our services rely on will far outweigh any cost savings realized.

The report does not provide any commentary on all the factors that a decision maker would need to arrive at a considered and balanced decision. We will work with our respective administrative leaders and elected officials to ensure that they are provided with the additional information they need to make an informed decision.

Thank-you for your efforts and we wish you well in future endeavours.

Fire Chiefs of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

c.c. Fire Chiefs of: Athens, Augusta, Brockville, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, Elizabethtown Kitley, Front of Yonge, Gananoque, Leeds & Thousand Islands, Merrickville-Wolford, North Grenville, Prescott, Rideau Lakes