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Subject: Letter to Oshawa City Council...

Oshawa City Council
Oshawa Ontario

Hello:

It has been four and a half years since the 2nd full size fire truck was moved from Station one on Adelaide and Arena to Station 6 at Simcoe Street and Britannia Avenue. The state of fire services in Oshawa has been lacking since the date of that decision by the City of Oshawa and City Council. We felt a letter about the Fire Services to city council was important after we noticed the large number of approved and proposed developments in the downtown core, most falling in the area of the Station One fire Hall that is putting families at an even greater risk.

Sadly, nothing has changed; The city hired Dillon Consulting to prepare a study at a cost of over \$200,000 of tax payers money. One of the suggestions was to purchase a full-size fire truck for Station One. The suggestion was ignored and an option put forward by the Oshawa Fire Chief for a smaller Hazmat Truck was approved. Dillon consulting stated that the Oshawa Fire Department only reaches homes in the area of station one on the time recommended by the NFPA 50% of the time.

During the presentation for this hazmat truck, the city named other municipalities that have this type of truck in service. We contacted one of those municipalities and they stated they have never had a hazmat truck. The city is not forthcoming with the price of the hazmat truck, when it will be delivered, where it will be stationed, what it will be equipped with?

Why is the city not informing the residents of Oshawa concerning the facts of this hazmat truck. Will / Can this smaller truck carry lifesaving equipment. Will this smaller truck help improve the response times like the full-size fire truck would have. The city did hire three new fire fighters although only for the purpose of leveling out the shifts rather than increasing manpower. They did not hire new people to operate the future hazmat truck, instead they intend to take away from the existing people on shift at any given time. which could leave the

full-size truck in limbo.

We require answers as lives are in the balance, and also as this is an election year, we can't allow the mayor or city councillors taking any credit for the approval of a hazmat truck if it will bring no benefit to the city of Oshawa. The councillors that are running in the 2022 municipal election should be prepared to answer to the crisis facing the Oshawa Fire Services. Note: Four City Councillor did support the addition of a full-size fire truck .

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