

## **News Release**

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## INTERMUNICIPAL FIRE SAFETY AGREEMENT

**Elgin, April 6, 2023** – On April 5, the members of Elgin Municipal Council signed an intermunicipal agreement with the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke to provide fire safety services throughout the Municipality of Elgin for a period of five (5) years.

Previously, the Municipality of Elgin relied on the collaboration of the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke and The Constable Volunteer Fireman for the fire safety service.

From now on, the volunteer firefighters of Hinchinbrooke will provide service for the entire Municipality of Elgin and, if necessary, we will continue to rely on human and material resources provided by the surrounding fire departments members of the mutual aid known as the South-Western Quebec Mutual Aid Fire Association and the Franklin County Fire Services in New York.

This intermunicipal agreement will make it possible to honor all the requirements set out in the Risk Coverage Plan of the MRC du Haut Saint-Laurent and to ensure optimal protection for all residents.

For her part, the mayor of Elgin, Deborah Stewart, is happy to rely on this collaboration: "This agreement provides the necessary security for our citizens. This partnership clearly demonstrates our desire to offer citizens the best possible emergency services available to our Municipality as required by-law."

The safety of citizens is at the heart of the concerns of the two municipal councils. Thus, Mayor Stewart and Mayor Wallace are pleased with the signing of this agreement between their municipalities.

Elgin Municipal Council