



**BARRIE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE
MEMORANDUM**

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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: C. CLARK, DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF EXT. 3234

WARD: ALL

NOTED: D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER - COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES
M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: CAMP MOLLY BARRIE SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024

DATE: JUNE 4, 2024

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update concerning a new initiative that Barrie Fire and Emergency Service is utilizing to show young females, those who identify as female or non-binary youth, aged 15 to 18 years old that a career in the fire service is a viable opportunity.

The name "Camp Molly" pays tribute to the first female firefighter on record in North America, Molly Williams. In 2019, the fire departments of Halton Region hosted the inaugural Camp Molly, and with the generous support and donations from many charities, clubs, and business owners, it was an overwhelming success.

In 2024, there are 10 Camp Molly's being facilitated. In addition to Camp Molly-Barrie, there are six others in Ontario, two in Saskatchewan and one in Quebec. The 35 campers will see all career options that exist in the fire services including communications, fire suppression, auto extrication, fire prevention, public education, media relations, medical aid, forcible entry, firefighter survival and fire investigations. September 26-29 will be full days of activities and learning along with comradery and engagement culminating in a graduation ceremony at Fire Headquarters Sunday afternoon for families of the campers to see their work and progress.

The registration campaign will begin for Camp Molly Barrie soon through media outlets and social media channels. The registration window opens on June 12, 2024 and closes July 26, 2024.

Candidate applications can be submitted online from the Camp Molly website, www.campmolly.ca which will have a live link on the Barrie page starting June 12, 2024

This 4 day camp experience provides the opportunity for these young people to meet and engage with strong female role models in their community and the experience is entirely free. All costs associated with running Camp Molly Barrie are met through the generous support of engaged organizations and grant funding.