

Draft Fire Regulations for Municipal Comments

On January 25, 2018, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) released two proposed regulations under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 related to new requirements for:

- Mandatory training and certification for firefighters; and
- Community risk assessments.

MCSCS is seeking public feedback on both regulations by March 11, 2018. View a summary of the regulations [here](#).

A third regulation on Public Reporting of Fire Responses is still under development. We understand that it is to be released shortly and will likely be due on March 11, 2018.

In January 2017, MCSCS established an advisory Fire Safety Technical Table (the Table) as part of a mandate commitment to provide recommendations to modernize fire service delivery and to address public safety and firefighter safety gaps identified by the Coroner's Inquests over the last several years.

The Table consists of MCSCS and Ontario Fire Marshal (OFM) executive and staff, the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, the Toronto Fire Fighters Association, the Ontario Fire Chiefs Association (O AFC), Fire Chiefs from full-time, composite and volunteer services, Toronto Fire Services, and for the municipal government perspective- an AMO staff member and a lower tier CAO representative. Having been informed by the Table, MCSCS has developed these draft regulations. After receiving responses from this consultation, the ministry will develop recommendations for the MCSCS Minister's final approval of the regulations- expected later this spring.

The attached briefing note has been prepared to assist AMO members in the development of their municipal responses to the draft MCSCS fire regulations. Please work with your Fire Chief and fire services to develop a comprehensive response for your municipality. There are fiscal, risk management, timing and technical aspects that require local consideration and comment.

We encourage all municipal councils with fire services to comment on these draft regulations so that the province receives a full set of consultation responses that reflect the diversity of Ontario's municipalities. AMO will also be commenting on these draft regulations in early March.