

Town fears more resignations from double-hatter firefighters

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The province is now being dragged into the dispute. Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees is urging fellow MPPs to support a new private members bill being presented at Queen's Park by Waterloo-Wellington MPP Ted Arnott.

Bill 30 is designed to protect double-hatters, said Mr. Klees. Bill 30 received second reading at Queen's Park on June 6. It's expected to pass third and final reading soon.

"This is a serious development. This could be costly."

"In recent months, some double hatters have been threatened by their unions," said Mr. Klees. "They've been told they must resign from their volunteer positions or face charges that could lead to dismissal from their full-time position."



FRANK KLEES: Oak Ridges MPP wants double-hatters protected under proposed legislation.

Greg Colton, president of Toronto local of the IAFF, told the seven locals that by continuing to volunteer in Whitchurch-Stouffville, they're in violation of union rules.

Holding a secondary job as an "on-call" firefighter, is against policy,

stressed Mr. Colton.

Town officials are fearing more resignations. "This is a serious development," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson. "This could be costly."

Whitchurch-Stouffville's fire department has 54 firefighters. All but six are volunteers. Of those, 24 are double-hatters, explained Mr. Kristoffy.

"If they all resigned at once, we'd have a serious problem," said Mr. Kristoffy.

"It would be like a hospital losing experienced surgeons and being forced to replace them with interns. We'd have to hire and train new people. We'd be short experienced firefighters."

Deputy Chief Beckett said he opposes the union's move because it infringes on a person's right to be free to work part-time.

Mr. Winters said he's not focusing on the double hatter issue at this time. Rather, the union president said contract negotiations require all his attention. When Local 4152 of the IAFF at the Whitchurch-Stouffville level calls a meeting, volunteer firefighters are not on the agenda, Mr. Winters insisted.

CORRECTION

Burger King would be built on Main Street

A story in the June 6 edition of the Tribune on plans to build a Burger King restaurant in Stouffville contained errors relating to the site and the title of an official.

If approved, the restaurant would be built on the southeast corner of Main Street and Ringwood Drive.

Meanwhile, Ian MacLeod is the vice president of land

acquisitions for Hayes Lines Group and not co-owner of the franchise for the local Burger King.

The Tribune regrets the errors.

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