

February 25, 2005

Ms. Linda Jeffrey MPP
Rm 186 Legislative Bldg.
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Jeffrey

RE: Bill 141, Home Fire Sprinkler Act 2004

It is with great pleasure that we write to you in support of Bill 141. While we recognize that installing fire sprinkler systems in houses will likely add to construction costs, this is far outweighed by the potential life saving benefits. As we understand the gruesome statistics, 8 out of 10 deaths from fires occur in the home and this incidence could be reduced by some 82 percent with the installation of smoke alarms and fire sprinklers. In this way the lives of many Ontarians could be saved – including the lives of older Ontarians who account for up to 30% of the fire fatalities in Ontario each year as well as the lives of many fire fighters. Moreover, the amount of damage caused by fires can be reduced. These safety considerations are important for older people who want to remain in their homes as long as possible.

To the argument that fire sprinklers might add an “industrial” look to houses, we believe that contemporary design could assuage this concern.

We urge the government to incorporate this measure in the Ontario Building Code for all new detached, semi-detached and row houses.

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Ontario (and 400,000 members across the country). Our mission is to protect the rights and quality of life of older persons. Our mandate is to develop practical recommendations for the issues we raise. A non-profit organization, CARP receives no operating funds from any level of government to maintain its autonomy and non-partisanship.

Sincerely,

Bill Gleberzon
Co-Director of Government
& Media Relations

Judy Cutler
Co-Director of Government
& Media Relations

cc. Premier Dalton McGuinty
Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Mario Sergio P.A. Responsible For Seniors
Hon. Monty Kwinter, Minister of Community Safety
And Correctional Services
Mr. John Tory, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
Mr. Howard Hampton, MPP, NDP



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February 21, 2005

The Hon. John Gerretsen
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th. Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, Ontario
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Re: Bill 141 - Home Fire Sprinkler Act, 2004
An Act to amend Building Code Act, 1992

Dear Mr. Minister:

On behalf of the members of the Independent Plumbing & Heating Contractors Association (IP&HCA) we wish to advise you of our support of the private member's Bill 141.

The IP&HCA is a not-for-profit trade association which represents residential plumbing contractors in the Greater Toronto Area. The IP&HCA did an extensive review of information and data on mandatory residential fire sprinklers in 2001. We also met with numerous industry stakeholders.

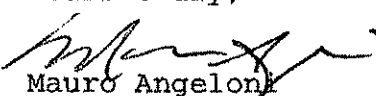
Although at that time many of the stakeholders held a view that residential fire sprinklers are not the answer and there are more effective ways to limit or reduce loss of life, injury and property damage, an aging population, new multiple residential designs and density of units require a fresh and vigorous review of the issue.

Our members indicate that some homeowners are now requesting the installation of fire sprinklers. If legislated, economies of scale along with new product development would substantially reduce the cost of the product and would provide enhanced protection for ALL homeowners.

As required in other Canadian jurisdictions ie. Vancouver, we strongly hold the view that residential sprinklers should be mandated in Ontario to save lives and reduce property damage.

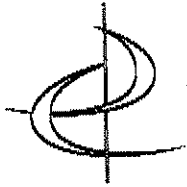
Thank you for your attention. We remain at your disposal.

Yours truly,


Mauro Angeloni
Manager



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MARK YAKABUSKI
Vice-President, Federal Affairs & Ontario

October 31, 2005

BY FAX // ORIGINAL BY MAIL

Ms. Linda Jeffrey, MPP
Room 186, Legislative Bldg
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A4

Dear Ms. Jeffrey:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer our support for Bill 2, The Home Fire Sprinkler Act, 2005. We are a member of the Sprinkler Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Deputy Fire Marshal Doug Crawford and endorse the mandate and recommendations of this committee. Home sprinklers are an effective loss prevention tool for identifying and controlling fire in its early stages. They prevent loss of lives and reduce property damages.

Going forward, as regulations are developed under your proposed Bill, it is important to ensure that installation is completed by professional installers. The benefits of home sprinklers would be jeopardized if this safeguard is not in place.

Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is the national trade association representing almost 90 percent of the property and casualty (P&C) insurers in Canada. Our members include most personal property insurers in Ontario. The P&C insurance industry employs over 38,000 people in the province directly, pays taxes of over \$2 billion, and has almost \$19 billion invested in Ontario's communities.

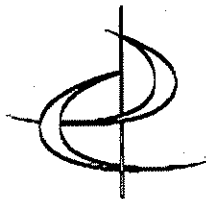
We congratulate you for leading this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Mark Yakabuski
Vice President, Federal Affairs & Ontario

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MARK YAKBUSKI
Vice-President, Ontario
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November 24, 2004

Ms. Linda Jeffrey, MPP
Room 186, Legislative Bldg
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A4

Dear Ms. Jeffrey:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer our support for Bill 141, The Home Fire Sprinkler Act, 2004. We are a member of the Home Sprinkler Coalition chaired by Alan Speed and fully endorse the mandate and recommendations of this committee. Home sprinklers are an effective loss prevention tool for identifying and controlling fire in its early stages. They prevent loss of lives and reduce property damages.

Going forward, as regulations are developed under your proposed Bill, it is important to ensure that installation is completed by professional installers. The benefits of home sprinklers would be jeopardized if this safeguard is not in place.

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We congratulate you for leading this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Mark Yakabuski
Vice President, Ontario

October 5, 2000



Mr. M. Roess
Fire Prevention Officer
City of Brampton Fire Department
8 Rutherford Road South
Brampton, ON L6W 3J1

Via Fax # 905-874-2735

Dear Sir:

RE: Gyamei P/F Mattamy Homes Lot 131, Vales of Castlemore Ph II
VC 4507 (Newburg) Elevation A

Further to your recent meeting with Mr. L. Johnston, Senior Builder of the Vales of Castlemore community, I wish to confirm and advise as follows:

1. Mattamy Homes hereby authorizes the City of Brampton Fire Department and any associated contractors to:
 - a) Supply and install a residential sprinkler system to the first and second floors of the above noted lot.
 - b) Make all appropriate permit applications and revisions as may be required by the City of Brampton Building Department.

Please forward a copy of all approved plans and specifications to our office for our records.

Mattamy Homes applauds the City of Brampton Fire Department for their consideration and assistance to this family.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office should you require further information.

Yours truly,

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Bernje Torchia
Vice President, Construction Operations
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c.c: W. Mitchell
L. Johnston

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December 22, 2003

Mr. B. Maltby, Division Chief
Fire Prevention, Chief Fire Official
Brampton Fire & Emergency Services
8 Rutherford Road South
Brampton, Ontario
L6W 3J1

Dear Mr. Maltby,

Re: Gyamfi P/F Mattamy Homes Lot 140. Enclaves of Castlemore

Mattamy Homes hereby authorizes the City of Brampton Fire Department and any associated contractors to:

- 1) Supply and install a residential sprinkler system to the first and second floors of the above noted lot.
- 2) Make all appropriate permit applications and revisions, as may be required by the City of Brampton Building Department.

Please forward a copy of all approved plans and specifications to our office for our records.

Mattamy Homes' once again applauds the City of Brampton Fire Department for their consideration and assistance to the Gyamfi family.

Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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Mark McHone
Executive Vice President, Operations

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cc: B. McEnaney

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From: Peter Burdon [peterburdon@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2005 2:08 PM
To: Jeffrey_Linda-MPP
Subject: Home Sprinkler Act

Ms. Jeffrey, we share a concern on the subject of fire safety and our association's members have always and most recently supported a balanced approach to fire safety. Can you share with us the background information that led you to the conclusion that sprinklers in every new home is a sustainable requirement given the cost and the maintenance of such systems. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you on this matter. Peter Burdon, Ontario Concrete Block Association.

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