

CITY OF ONTARIO

Agenda Report
July 7, 2026

SECTION:
CONSENT CALENDAR

Department: Fire Department
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Item No: 8

SUBJECT: A DONATION FROM KIMBERLY-CLARK FOUNDATION TO THE ONTARIO FIRE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council recognize a donation of \$120,000 from the Kimberly-Clark Foundation.

THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL GOALS ARE BEING ACHIEVED:
Maintain the Current High Level of Public Safety

FISCAL IMPACT: The \$120,000 will be held in a donations deposit in the General Fund until determination is made on how these funds will be utilized for the Ontario Fire Department.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS: On April 7, 2026, a fire broke out at the Kimberly-Clark logistics warehouse in the early morning hours. The Ontario Fire Department responded swiftly, evacuating employees to safety, and immediately attacking the blaze. The incident required a total of twenty engine companies, fifteen truck companies, two ambulances with supervisors, seventeen chief officers, three investigators, three specialized resources and approximately one hundred and seventy-five firefighters. Though the fire was contained to the building of origin, the structure is considered a complete loss with an active investigation in progress.

As a form of commitment to the community and to support the City of Ontario and the Fire Department's mission, the Kimberly-Clark Foundation has donated \$120,000 to the Ontario Fire Department to be spent at the discretion of the Fire Chief for items including but not limited to community-based programming and events, consulting services, firefighting equipment, and/or other department related initiatives that enhance the quality of service.