



Paramedic Services Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Time: 1:25 p.m.
Place: County of Brant Council Chambers, 7 Broadway Street West, Paris

Present: County of Brant: Mayor Bailey, Councillors Laferriere and Peirce
City of Brantford: Mayor Davis, Councillor Martin

Regrets: City of Brantford Councillor Sless

Staff: Bradley, Stevenson, King, Vanderpost and Boyd

Councillor Laferriere in the Chair.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by – Councillor Martin
Seconded by – Mayor Bailey

That the Paramedic Services Committee agenda for September 18, 2019 be approved.

Carried

Minutes

Moved by – Councillor Peirce
Seconded by – Councillor Martin

That the Paramedic Services Committee minutes of June 19, 2019 be approved.

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Consent Items to be Received as Information

Moved by – Mayor Davis
Seconded by – Mayor Bailey

That the following Consent Items be received as information:

1. July Statistics Report.
2. August Statistics Report.
3. EMS Responses for Opioid Overdoses – January 2017 – June 2019.
4. Information Re: New Model of Care for Select 911 Patients.
5. PS-19-07 – Paramedic Services Budget to Actual at June 30, 2019.

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Statistics Reports

In response to questions, Russ King, Director of Paramedic Services, noted the following:

- Calls for 'other services doing calls in Brantford' and 'Brant services calls in other jurisdiction' both refer to Brant/Brantford Paramedic Services. This will be clarified for future reports.
- The response time standard for defibrillators on scene is based on any units available, which may be from the public, fire or Paramedic Services. Staff will review the percentage of times the unit is from each of the sources.
- Current benchmark numbers were established in 2013 and are subject to review. Staff will be recommending changes for Committee's consideration.
- The offload time statistics remain fairly stable, noting that initiatives / improvements implemented by the hospital and Paramedic Services, has helped to maintain these times in light of increasing call volumes.
- Call volumes generally show a 16% increase in the County of Brant and a 5% increase in the City of Brantford. It was noted that the percentages do not necessarily reflect the number of calls increase.
- Mr. King reviewed new initiatives for enhanced call-in health advice and regional discussion about other potential models and programs. He noted that the County has been invited to participate in a palliative patient at home case study. Discussion was held regarding how this would correlate to the community paramedicine program.
- It was noted that the percentage of calls attending in each municipality generally reflects the funding percentages.

Moved by – Councillor Martin

Seconded by – Mayor Davis

That the following Consent Item be received as information:

1. June Statistics Report.

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PS-19-06 – 2019 Paramedic Services Provincial Funding

Moved by – Councillor Peirce

Seconded by – Councillor Martin

That Staff Report PS-19-06 – 2019 Paramedic Services Provincial Funding be received as information.

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Correspondence

Ministry of Health – 2019 Land Ambulance Services Grant (LASG) Funding

Moved by – Mayor Bailey

Seconded by – Councillor Martin

That correspondence from the Ministry of Health with respect to 2019 Land Ambulance Services Grant (LASG) Funding be received as information.

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Director's Update

Russ King, Director of Paramedic Services, updated Committee on the following:

- Projected call increases are expected to be on target for 8% over 2019.
- Brantford General Hospital has implemented a new program to open up additional floor space as needed to limit the number of patients in the emergency department at any one time.
- A reduction in calls for service related to drug overdoses was noted in August. A concern was raised that Paramedic Services has to pay for naloxone kits should they distribute them to the public where other agencies can access the kits free of charge.
- A Tactical Medic Program is being investigated with Brantford Police Service to train specialized paramedics to respond in high-risk scenarios. Currently staging occurs 1 – 2 blocks away from these types of scenes.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

It was agreed that meetings of this Committee would be held quarterly on an ongoing basis. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 1:30 p.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers. Committee adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Secretary