



## Paramedic Services Committee Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Electronic Participation only

**Members of Council Present:** County of Brant: Mayor Bailey, Councillors Laferriere and Peirce  
 City of Brantford: Mayor Davis, Councillors Sless and Martin

**Staff:** Bradley, Stevenson, King, Mifflin and Boyd

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Sless  
 Seconded by David Bailey

That the Paramedic Services Committee agenda for May 19, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

### 5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

#### 5.1 Paramedic Services Committee minutes of March 17, 2021

Moved by John Peirce  
 Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the Paramedic Services Committee minutes of March 17, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

### 7. Staff Reports

#### 7.1 RPT-21-134 - 2021 First Quarter Variance Report for Paramedic Services - H. Mifflin

In response to questions, Russ King, Chief - Brant-Brantford Paramedic Service, updated Committee on forthcoming agreements for COVID-related expenses and vaccination staffing. Mr. King outlined that vaccination clinics are being staff through additional shifts, being back-filled with part-time staff, similar to an additional vehicle.

Moved by David Bailey  
 Seconded by Councillor Sless

That the first quarter budget to actual variance report for Paramedic Services be received as information.

**Carried**

7.2 RPT-21-135 - Paramedic Services Statistical Report - R. King

in response to questions, Mr. King noted that per-patient tracking of offload times is expected to be available within the year. He further noted that the 26,000 calls for service, is a year-long projection. Mr. King highlighted various initiatives to reduce the number of patients delivered to the emergency department, including long-term care programs, extended authorization for paramedic services and in-home care. Mr. King reviewed that with an anticipated increase in calls after COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, calls for service are expected to exceed projections.

7.3 RPT-21-136 - Paramedic Services COVID-19 Services Update

Mr. King updated Committee on operational adaptations to changing COVID-19 protocols. He noted a 2.95% reduction in call volume from previous years, offload times their lowest in six (6) years, less cross-border responses in the County and less Code Zero incidents. Mr. King commented on assistance with vaccine clinics throughout the summer and noted that the County's assistance with COVID patient transfers is no longer needed at this time.

In discussion, it was noted that next week is Paramedic Services Week and Committee members expressed appreciation for the service and the paramedics.

Moved by David Bailey  
Seconded by Kevin Davis

That Staff Report RPT-21-136 - Paramedic Services COVID-19 Services Update be received as information.

**Carried**

**9. Other Business**

9.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference - Provincial Delegation

Michael Bradley, County of Brant Chief Administrative Officer, noted that requests for delegations with Provincial Ministers at the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference will be discussed at the upcoming County of Brant Council meeting. Committee agreed to making a request to speak to the Minister of Health regarding the model for consistent Paramedic Services funding. Mayor Davis indicated that the City would make the same request to improve the chance of receiving a delegation.

Moved by David Bailey  
Seconded by Kevin Davis

That a delegation request be submitted to meet with the Ontario Minister of Health at the 2021 Association of Municipalities (AMO) Conference.

**Carried**

**11. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 1:30 p.m. by electronic participation.

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Secretary