



## Paramedic Services Committee Report

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**To:** The Chair and Members of the Paramedic Services Committee  
**From:** Cindy Stevenson, General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services  
**Date:** March 26, 2025  
**Report #:** RPT-0133-25  
**Subject:** Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement  
**Purpose:** For Approval

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### Recommendation

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After making inquiries of the [Chief Russell King] and other appropriate officers of the Health Service Provider (HSP) and subject to any exceptions identified on Appendix 1 attached to this report, to the best of the Board's knowledge and belief, the HSP has fulfilled, its obligations under the service accountability agreement (the "MSAA") in effect during the Applicable Period.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the HSP has complied with:

- (i) Article 4.8 of the MSAA concerning applicable procurement practices; and,
- (ii) the *Connecting Care Act, 2019*.

And that the Mayor of the County of Brant sign the attached Declaration of Compliance on behalf of the Paramedic Services Committee, and that the Declaration of Compliance be forwarded to Ontario Health.

### Strategic Plan Priority

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Strategic Priority 5 - Healthy, Safe, and Engaged Citizens

### Impacts and Mitigation

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#### Social Impacts

Community paramedicine can integrate health care systems and engage health care practitioners, organizations, community-based services, and others with a shared commitment to improve health care access and outcomes and reduce disparities and costs.

#### Environmental Impacts

Not applicable.

## Economic Impacts

Ontario Health provided a grant of up to \$433,632 for the Home Care – Community Paramedicine program, 2023-2024.

## **Report**

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### Background

The Corporation of the County of Brant entered into a Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement (MSAA) with Ontario Health for the funding year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Within this agreement, the County of Brant is referred to as the Health Service Provider (HSP) and Ontario Health is referred to as the Funder. This agreement outlines the terms and conditions of funding and service delivery for the Home Care – Community Paramedicine program, in which the HSP was eligible to receive up to \$433,632 in funding.

### Analysis

A Declaration of Compliance (Schedule F to the MSAA) must be completed and submitted to Ontario Health as part of the MSAA. The Declaration of Compliance refers to two specific items of compliance by the HSP, as follows:

#### 1. Section 4.8 of the MSAA states the following:

##### 4.8 Procurement of Goods and Services

(a) If the HSP is subject to the procurement provisions of the BPSAA, the HSP will abide by all directives and guidelines issued by the Management Board of Cabinet that are applicable to the HSP pursuant to the BPSAA.

(b) If the HSP is not subject to the procurement provisions of the BPSAA, the HSP will have a procurement policy in place that requires the acquisition of supplies, equipment or services valued at over \$25,000 through a competitive process that ensures the best value for funds expended. If the HSP acquires supplies, equipment or services with the Funding it will do so through a process that is consistent with this policy.

The County of Brant's Purchasing Policy is applicable to the procurement of goods for the funding referenced in the MSAA, 4.8 (b). Under the County's purchasing policy, goods valued over \$10,000 have a robust and competitive procurement process in place.

#### 2. The Connecting Care Act, 2019

The Connecting Care Act gives Ontario Health the responsibility to manage health services across the province. Under the Act, Ontario Health is responsible for supporting or providing supply chain management services to health service providers and implementing and promoting the integration of health services. The Act governs the provision and funding of home and community care service, establishing standards and requirements for these services.

Staff with oversight of the Home Care – Community Paramedicine program, including Chief Russell King and Deputy Chief of Community Paramedicine, Glen Cunnane, have reviewed and confirm compliance with section 4.8 of the MSAA and the Connecting Care Act, 2019.

Summary and Recommendations

That Paramedic Services Committee authorize the Mayor of the County of Brant to sign the 2023-2024 Declaration of Compliance, Schedule F, of the MSAA.

**Attachments**

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2023-2024 MSAA Schedule F Declaration of Compliance

**Reviewed By**

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Russell King, Director/Chief of Brant-Brantford Paramedic Services  
Glen Cunnane, Deputy Chief, Community Paramedicine

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Alison Newton, Chief Administrative Officer  
Heather Boyd, General Manager, Corporate Services

**By-law and/or Agreement**

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By-law Required	No
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk	Yes