

Location:

Tom Davies Square

Commencement: 6:15 PM

Adjournment:

8:13 PM

Minutes

For the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held Monday, October 3, 2016

Councillor Rene Lapierre, In the Chair

Present

Councillors Vagnini, Montpellier, Kirwan, Lapierre

City Officials

Trevor Bain, Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services; Melissa Rooney, Assistant Deputy Chief of Emergency Management and Professional Standards; Darrel McAloney, Deputy Fire Chief; Jesse O'Shell, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief; Aaron Archibald, Deputy Chief of Paramedic Operations; Brigitte Sobush, Deputy City Clerk

Declarations of Pecuniary Interests and the general nature thereof

None declared

Rules and Procedure

The Chair moved that the order of the agenda be altered to deal with the correspondance for information only item C-1 prior to the presentation.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

Correspondence for Information Only

C-1. Emergency Services Department Update

Report dated September 20, 2016 from the Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services regarding Emergency Services Department Update.

The following resolution was presented:

ES2016-03 Vagnini/Montpellier THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to train the remaining 15 volunteer Fire Fighters to active staff prior to December 1, 2016;

AND THAT the associated cost be provided by the reserve fund.

CARRIED

Presentations

1. Community Paramedicine Program Evaluation

Report dated September 20, 2016 from the Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services regarding Community Paramedicine Program Evaluation.

David McNeil, Vice President Patient Services, Clinical Transformation and Chief Nursing Executive, Health Sciences North provided an electronic presentation regarding an overview of the Care Transitions Community Paramedic Program evaluation process, results and Health Science North's recommendation.

The following resolution was presented:

ES2016-04 Kirwan/Vagnini: WHEREAS presented at the October 3, 2016 Emergency Services Committee, the Greater Sudbury Care Transitions Community Paramedicine (CTCP) program is shown to be highly cost effective for the system, reducing the total cost per care per patient by 50%;

AND WHEREAS, the program has provided statistically significant reductions in the number of admissions and hospital bed days at three, six, and twelve months;

AND WHEREAS, statistically significant reduction in emergency department use in the three-month intervention period of the program demonstrating that through appropriate community-based intervention total health system costs can be reduced and more appropriate patient care provided;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Greater Sudbury has demonstrated its ongoing support of the CTCP program providing in-kind services (vehicles, medical supplies, administrative support and managerial oversight) required to deliver the program;

AND WHEREAS, the current Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) funding for direct delivery costs (paramedic salary and benefits, training, wages, continuing medical education, physician oversight, and communications) will cease on March 31, 2017;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Greater Sudbury will only continue to operate the CTCP program if funding can be secured for direct delivery costs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs the Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services to continue to lobby the Provincial government and agencies for sustained funding of the Care Transitions Community Paramedicine program.

CARRIED

Addendum

No Addendum was presented.

Civic Petitions

No Civic Petitions were submitted.

Question Period and Announcements

Future Meeting

Councillor Vagnini inquired if a public information meeting regarding Fire Services could be held in the future.

Trevor Bain, Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services, stated that they would be willing to hold a meeting at anytime.

Moved Pumper

Councillor Vagnini stated that the pumper had been moved from Beaver Station and inquired who had been notified.

Trevor Bain, Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services, stated that the Fire Leads were notified and that the pumper had been moved due to the pressures in other areas within the City, the vehicle was required elsewhere. He also stated that new trucks are coming in October and at that time the pumper will be returned.

Mutual Aid

Councillor Vagnini asked if we belong to Mutual Aid.

Trevor Bain, Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services, stated that we are a part of Mutual Aid as it is

required by law. He continued to specify that we do not belong to the Mutual Aid Association.

Responding to Fire Calls

Councillor Vagnini asked where and to what limit they would respond to fire calls.

Trevor Bain, Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services, stated that they would respond to calls anywhere in the City.

Notices of Motion

Councillor Kirwan presented a Notice of Motion regarding a Volunteer Firefighters Task Force and asked that the notice be waived.

WAIVED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

The following Notice of Motion was presented:

ES2016-05 Kirwan/Vagnini: Whereas it has come to the attention of Council that there is some concern among constituents with the complement of volunteer firefighters who are assigned to various stations thoughout the City;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Emergency Services Committee immediately establish a Volunteer Firefighter Task Force and that the Task Force shall hold its initial meeting by the end of November 2016;

AND FURTHER THAT the task force be mandated to present a report to the Emergency Services Committee by the end id the First Quarter of 2017 consisting of strategic plan of action designed to improve the recruitment, retention and training of volunteer firefighters required by the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND FURTHER THAT the task force be comprised of a minimum of two members of the Emergency Services Committee; a group from management consisting of the Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services plus up to five other representatives designated by the Chief; and a group from labour consisting of the Regional Director of Christian Labour Association Canada local 920, plus up to five members of the volunteer firefighters union as designated by the Regional Director;

AND FURTHER THAT Councillor (Robert Kirwan/Michael Vagnini) be designated as the Chair of the Task Force and Councillor (Robert Kirwan/Michael Vagnini) be designated as Vice-Chair of the Task Force.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Vagnini/Kirwan: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:13 p.m.

Brigitte Sobush, Deputy City Clerk