

Request for Decision

Donation of Used Ambulances to Local Colleges Paramedic Programs

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Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury authorizes the Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services to donate a total of four (4) roadworthy decommissioned ambulances, being two (2) to Cambrian College and two (2) to Collège Boréal, to be used solely by their respective Paramedic Programs;

AND FURTHER THAT both Collège Boréal and Cambrian College shall recognize this donation from the City of Greater Sudbury in a permanent manner through appropriate signage permanently affixed to the vehicle and any other manner as recommended by the Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services in consultation with Corporate Communications, Collège Boréal and Cambrian College.

Signed By

Report Prepared By

Joseph Nicholls
Deputy Chief of Emergency Services
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Recommended by the Department

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Recommended by the C.A.O.

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Finance Implications

By donating these ambulances, the City will lose any estimated proceeds. The residual trade-in value or value at auction for these ambulances has been between \$3,500 and \$5,000 per unit, dependent on chassis type and general vehicle condition.

Background

On April 6th and June 28th, Paramedic Services received letters from both Collège Boréal and Cambrian College (attached) asking the City's Paramedic Services to donate two decommissioned ambulances to their respective Paramedic Programs. These ambulances play an important role within the College Paramedic Program being used primarily for driver training, and also providing realism to the program's patient care training.

By donating these ambulances, the City will lose any estimated proceeds. The residual trade-in value or value at auction for these ambulances has been between \$3,500 and \$5,000 per unit, dependent on chassis type and general vehicle condition. However, without roadworthy ambulances available for student driver training, these local Paramedic Programs could suffer reducing or eliminating the ability to provide meaningful driver training experience as part of their program. Driver training at the college level provides students with invaluable skills and experience in operating ambulances preparing them to safely operate ambulances once employed as a Paramedic. The operation of an ambulance is one of the most frequently

utilized Paramedic skills, one that if not mastered and carried out safely could have disastrous consequences. This training and experience reduces their risk of being involved in a vehicle collision.

Paramedic Services has Council approval to replace three ambulances in 2016. We expect delivery of these new units in late July 2016. Ambulances are normally replaced based on a seven-year life cycle; with an average of 270,000 kilometers requiring increased maintenance and repair costs to keep the vehicle on the road while making it less desirable for the rigors of daily emergency response activities. We also consult with Fleet Services in determining what vehicles should be replaced and decommissioned.

The Paramedic Service Division will have four (4) ambulances to be disposed of in August that could be donated. Two of these vehicles are being replaced through our normal capital replacement process previously approved by Council through the 2016 budget process. The other two were previously decommissioned and being used as part of our Community Flow Car Pilot Project that was 100% funded by the North East Local Health Integration Network (NELHIN), this pilot program ended on March 31, 2016.

It is recommended that Paramedic Services donate four (4) decommissioned ambulances; two (2) to Collège Boréal and two (2) to Cambrian College to be used exclusively for their Paramedic Program; and, that these donated vehicles be inspected by Fleet Staff to ensure the vehicle is safe, roadworthy, and in acceptable condition to support these College Paramedic training programs.



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April 6, 2016

Mr. Trevor Bain
Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services
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Chief Bain,

I am writing to you today as Dean of the School Health Science for the Primary Care Paramedic Program at Collège Boréal. We have a strong PCP program at our college and are always looking for ways to improve our students' readiness for employment with EMS providers.

To guarantee quality education and ensure students acquire the skills needed in the field of paramedics, we at Boreal have integrated many new skills-based testing including the actual hands on driving component. The students first receive an 8 hour didactic course with Day Group, as well as 3 hours of simulation driving. In addition, during the clinical placement of the third semester, the students actually drive our school ambulance throughout the city with an instructor. This provides invaluable practical experience as the students experience first-hand what driving an EMS vehicle entails.

In order for our students' learning to continue to be effective, the College must have the appropriate tools and equipment to meet the program's needs. However, as a publicly funded post-secondary institution, our budgets are quite limited. That is why we are approaching you today. When your ambulances are no longer in service, could Sudbury EMS consider making a donation of these vehicles to the Collège Boréal Paramedic/Soins paramédicaux program? We would certainly recognize such a generous donation through our communications department, as well as providing a tax receipt for the value of the vehicle through our Fondation Boréal.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with the clinical placement hours you provide our students. The clinical placements ensure a quality program and quality graduates that can provide excellent health care for the residents of our community and province.

Should you have any further questions or would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me at 705-560-6673, extension 4670 or by email at kim.morris@collegeboreal.ca

Sincerely,

Kim T. Morris
Dean - School of Health Sciences

Campus principal

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- (g) the Bidder, Supplier or its personnel have demonstrated abusive behaviour or threatening conduct towards City employees, their agents or representatives;
- (h) the Bidder or Supplier has been convicted of a criminal offence including but not limited to fraud or theft; or,
- (i) the Bidder or Supplier has been convicted of any quasi-criminal offence pursuant to applicable legislation or regulations including but not limited to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, as amended, where the circumstances of that conviction demonstrate a disregard on the part of the Bidder or Supplier for the health and safety of its workers, City Employees or the general public.

(3) In arriving at a determination for the disqualification of a Bidder or Supplier pursuant to this Section, the SMT Member and the Agent, in consultation with the City Solicitor, will consider whether the circumstances are likely to affect the Bidder or Supplier's ability to work with the City, its consultants and representatives, and whether the City's experience with the Bidder or Supplier indicates that the City is likely to incur increased staff time and legal costs in the administration of any dealings with the Bidder or Supplier.

(4) Based on the severity of the events leading to the disqualification, the SMT Member and the Agent, in consultation with the City Solicitor, shall establish the duration of the period during which the disqualification shall be effective.

SET-OFF

38. The City may exercise set-off against any Supplier providing Goods, Services or Construction to the City where it is determined that such Supplier is indebted to the City, regardless of how such indebtedness arises, and the City may re-direct payments otherwise due to such Supplier towards repayment of outstanding amounts owed to the City.

PART VII- OTHER

SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE GOODS

39. (1) SMT Members shall dispose of all Goods for which they no longer have use and that are of value by using appropriate methods for disposal that are in the City's best interests, including without limitation, public auction, public tender, trade, negotiated sale, donation or transfer to another Department.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), used computer and associated information technology equipment may be donated upon written request in the following order:



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June 28th, 2016

Mr. Tom Isaia
Commander of Education
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City of Greater Sudbury Emergency Services
Lionel E. Lalonde Centre
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Azilda, ON P0M 1B0

Dear Mr. Isaia,

As you know both the Primary and Advanced Care Paramedic programs at Cambrian College participate in a program accreditation process which is currently administered by the Canadian Medical Association. A portion of the accreditation process is based on the National Occupational Competency Profile for Paramedics and this is published by the Paramedic Association of Canada. Within this document are a number of competencies related specifically to the operation of an emergency vehicle. In part because of the accreditation requirement for students to operate emergency vehicles, and in conjunction with the collaborative discussions and work we continue to do with our partners in Emergency Medical Services throughout the province, not the least of which includes Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services (GSEMS), we mandate that every one of our students must gain experience operating emergency vehicles.

In the past and under former leadership at both GSEMS and Cambrian College, GSEMS had been generous enough to donate ambulances which were past their useful, serviceable lifespan to Cambrian College in order for students to gain the hands-on experience they desperately require. **The vehicles we currently utilize are well past their lifespan and despite repeated repairs and investment they too are becoming prohibitively expensive to keep on the road.**

In light of this the Cambrian College Paramedic Programs are asking you for assistance in providing students with this experience by considering a donation of two (2) ambulances, scheduled for decommissioning, to our program.

Thank you for considering this request. I am happy to meet or discuss this at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Bradley Roney
Program Coordinator – Advanced Care Paramedic (Flight)
Schools of Health Sciences and Emergency Services