

Request for Decision

2014 Land Ambulance Grant Allocation Increase

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Recommendation

WHEREAS documented increases in the costs related to the provision of land ambulance services have resulted in a corresponding increase in the 50:50 funding allocation of the Land Ambulance Grant from the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury authorize Emergency Medical Services to increase staffing levels through additional part-time hours to the amount equal to the additional funding allocation of \$132,249.

Finance Implications

The Land Ambulance Services Grant is reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis by the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care with changes taking effect April 1st. In April 2014, the Ministry announced an increase in the base funding for the Land Ambulance Services Grant of \$249,317 which represents a 2.66% increase. Since the 2014 Land Ambulance Service Grant increase was budgeted at \$117,068 or 1.25%, Emergency Services is recommending that the additional \$132,249 be used to fund approximately 3,080 additional part-time Primary Care Paramedic hours.

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Background

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provides financial assistance to municipalities by providing a grant covering 50% of approved costs for the delivery of land ambulance services; the municipality is responsible to fund the remaining 50% of costs related to the delivery of land ambulance services.

Since the provincial announcement for the current year's Land Ambulance Grant funding allocation occurs after the approval of the Emergency Services operating budget, the budget increase for the grant allocation is an estimate only and has historically been set at 1.0%. This year's funding announcement from the

Ministry provided a 2.66% increase in base funding which resulted in additional funding of \$132,249.

Paramedic Services call volumes have increased by 38% over the past five years. In 2008, the service handled 24,300 emergency calls and by 2012 that number jumped to 31,800 calls. It is projected that requests for service will continue to increase by an additional 14% over the next eight years. As well, as Greater Sudbury Paramedic Services continues to grow and evolve as a leader of Pre-Hospital Paramedic Care, future challenges will arise due to aging population. In 2011, 60% of the patients treated and transported were over the age of 50 with the highest age cohort starting at age 70 and peaking at age 85. It is projected that the number of patients over the age of 65 that require Pre-Hospital Paramedic Care will increase by 33% over the next eight years.