

## Request for Decision

### Decommissioned Ambulance Grant to Cambrian College's Paramedic Program

Presented To: Community Services  
Committee

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### Recommendation

THAT the Chief of Emergency Services be authorized to grant two (2) roadworthy decommissioned ambulances to Cambrian College to be used solely by their Paramedic Program;

FURTHER, that Cambrian College shall recognize this grant 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 Emergency Services in consultation with Corporate Communications and Cambrian College.

## Background

A letter dated March 9, 2012 (attached) from Dan Draper, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Emergency Services, Cambrian College asks the City's Emergency Services Department to grant two decommissioned ambulances to their Paramedic Program. These ambulances play an important role within the College Paramedic Program being used primarily for driver training, but they also provide realism to the program's patient care training. Currently, Cambrian has two old ambulances; however, they report that these have exceeded their service life, one is no longer roadworthy, and the second is close behind.

Without this grant, Cambrian College will be unable to provide driver training 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. This training and experience reduces their risk of being involved in a vehicle collision.

The EMS Division replaces our ambulances and Paramedic Response Units based on a fifty-four (54) month life-cycle; however, most vehicles are approximately sixty (60) months when replaced. Typically, at this point, an ambulance has about 225,000 kilometers and requires 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.

Over the past several years, EMS has been offering used ambulances and Paramedic Response Units to Fire Services prior to disposal. The Fire Services Division is currently utilizing several used ambulances and SUV units for a variety of functions. They currently have no need for additional ambulance units in 2012.

### Signed By

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Decommissioned ambulances not earmarked for Fire Services are traded-in against the purchase cost of new ambulances. The residual trade-in value for these units over the past three years has been between \$3,500 and \$5,000 per unit, dependant on chassis type and general vehicle condition.

Emergency Services has approval to replace three ambulances in 2012. The order is currently being finalized and we expect delivery of these new units in September.

It is recommended that Emergency Services grant two (2) decommissioned ambulances to the Cambrian College Paramedic Care Program and that these granted vehicles be inspected by City Fleet Staff to ensure the vehicles are safe, roadworthy, and in acceptable condition to support the Cambrian College Paramedic training program.



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March 9, 2012

Tim Beadman,  
Chief of Emergency Services,  
City of Greater Sudbury

Dear Tim,

Cambrian College has a long tradition of delivering excellent graduates to the emergency services sector in the Sudbury Region and across the Northeast. Graduates of our paramedic program have enjoyed a 100% pass rate on the AEMCA exams over the last seven years. We have also re-initiated the delivery of our advanced care paramedic program as a two semester graduate certificate offering that may be accessed by students directly out of any CMA accredited paramedic program.

Over the past number of years, we have been increasing experiential learning opportunities, one of which is driving skills. We implemented this component to the program in the hope that it would reduce accidents by new graduate hires within ambulance services. Unfortunately, our two ambulances are aging to the point that one is no longer roadworthy and the second is close behind. We are considering using the shell of one as a scenario laboratory however, the loss will seriously impact our ability to provide driving experiences for our students.

It has come to my attention that the City is decommissioning some of its ambulance fleet. I would like to request that the City consider the donation of one (or hopefully two) of its ambulances to the paramedic program here at Cambrian.

Respectfully Submitted for your consideration,

Dan Draper,  
Dean, School of Health Sciences and Emergency Services