

Municipality Of Chatham-Kent

Chatham-Kent Fire & Emergency Services

Information Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Bob Crawford
Fire Paramedic Chief

Date: December 13, 2017

Subject: Medavie

This report is for the information of Council.

Background

Councillor Michael Bondy introduced the following motion on November 20, 2017:

Administration report to Council with regard to the oversight of the Medavie contract by Chatham-Kent Emergency Management Services (EMS). The concern is the role of the Municipality regarding the day-to-day management of EMS. This report needs to clarify the responsibility of the management of EMS and it is requested that these managerial roles be clearly defined as prescribed by the contract with Medavie and provincial regulations. This report should come to Open Session of Council prior to the 2018 budget deliberations and possibly have a portion of the report needing to go into closed session for the purpose of solicitor-client advice as necessary.

Comments

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, CAO Don Shropshire and GM Bob Crawford traveled to Dartmouth, N.S.

Both met with Medavie President and Chief Operating Officer Paula Poirier and her colleague Jeffrey Fraser, Director of Operations, Medavie and corporate lead for paramedicine.

After a very productive and positive meeting, Medavie management and municipal officials were able to engage in a very helpful discussion about how to go forward with the relationship. Medavie has provided a draft terms of reference document for review and comment. A meeting is set in January to review the draft and come to agreement on all points contained therein.

This document, which is currently under development, will focus on establishing our purpose, scope, joint meetings, reporting structure, respective authority and how to fund our joint meetings going forward. It was agreed that more frequent meetings between municipal officials and Medavie staff are part of our strategy to re-set our relationship.

This approach will give a consistent communication model for both teams to meet, and provide an effective way to keep all stakeholders informed and up to date on the issues of the day. Working collaboratively with Medavie management and staff, as we have done over the last six years will continue.

The corporate relationship between CK and Medavie is quite robust and amicable. A continued high level of trust between the organizations will enable both to bring forward concerns as they develop, as well as dealing with the daily challenges of delivering emergency medical services to our communities.

CK FES staff are preparing a more fulsome RTC, with a deadline for the end of January. This will be a high priority for FES as we move into 2018. While the draft report is ready in many respects, the intention is to engage with Legislative Services and HROD in order to solicit their relative opinions and suggestions. A revised information report to Council will be part of a Council Agenda package once all of our stakeholders have had a chance to provide input.


Consultation

There are no consultations for this report.

Financial Implications


There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

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