

Memorandum

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TO: Members of Council
FROM: Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: Monday, January 25, 2021
SUBJECT: **Additional Information**
Committee of the Whole – January 25, 2021

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report R 8/2021 (Development & Emergency Services - Superior North EMS) SNEMS Master Plan

1. Additional information from Councillor C. Trottier, Municipality of Greenstone received January 25, 2021 relative to her deputation.

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December 18, 2020

Bill Mauro
Mayor of Thunder Bay
City Hall
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RE: AZA, BNA and BZA First Nation's Opposition to Closure of Beardmore EMS

Mayor Mauro,

We are writing to you today as Chiefs of our First Nation communities, united in opposition to the closure of the Beardmore EMS Station. This was recommended by "Performance Concepts" in a recent draft report presented to Thunder Bay City Council on December 14th. AZA, BNA and BZA First Nations each have many of our members residing in Beardmore and the surrounding communities, and they require and deserve the same access to 24-hour ambulatory care as the people that reside in Thunder Bay receive. Closing the Beardmore EMS would put the health and well-being of our members living in the Beardmore region in serious jeopardy. And to make such a decision in the middle of the worst Pandemic in over a century would frankly be absurd if it were not so serious.

Our members deserve to know that in case of a health emergency, that an ambulance would arrive to assist them. In these cases, time is of the essence. The thought of having to wait upwards of an hour for help to arrive, likely from an amalgamated Nipigon/Red Rock EMS station, is unacceptable. Our Elders deserve better.

Also, our communities demand adequate consultation when decisions are being made that affect the lives of our members. This consultation was non-existent for this process. Presenting an already prepared report and recommendations at 1 meeting with multiple First Nations from across the north shore is not consultation. If you had met with us, we would have informed you about the importance of the Beardmore EMS Station to our respective memberships, and that saving lives should be a more important principle than saving money.



We urge you to re-consider these recommendations, and to think about what the serious consequences would be to our First Nation members if the Beardmore EMS Station is closed.

Sincerely,

Chief Theresa Nelson
Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek

Chief Joe Ladouceur
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek

Chief Mel Hardy
Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek

Cc:

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October 9, 2020

Bill Mauro
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Attention: Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek requesting consultation regarding Beardmore EMS

Dear Mayor Mauro,

My name is Chief Theresa Nelson from Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation. Our band office is currently located in Beardmore, Ontario, along with a large number of our membership. I am alarmed to hear that the consultants hired to look at the regional EMS District Operations may propose eliminating these services to lower the costs in our region. These services are extremely important to my people's health and safety. There is no hospital located in Beardmore, Ontario so this is the only health service my people have to rely on.

Health and Safety of my membership is my top priority since being elected as their Chief. With the growing concerns regarding this pandemic, it has become even more clear how important our health services in the area are. With the EMS in Beardmore, Ontario being the only source of professional health services, this service cannot be eliminated. It serves not only my community but also the Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek First Nation which is located about 15km South of Beardmore, Ontario. Both of our First Nations are developing our Reserves and will soon have fully functioning communities with populations in the lower 100's to start. These residence will depend on these services.

Mayor Mauro, I am asking for you to take the time to look over this request as we cannot allow these services to be taken away from us. I feel that we should have been consulted with from the beginning by "Performance Concepts", and should be consulted with moving forward as these huge impacts to our First Nation Communities should be shared with us.

Thank you,

Chief Theresa Nelson
Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek

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May 10, 1999

To: Regional Chairs
 County Wardens
 Northern Municipal Heads of Council

From: Tim Hudak, MPP Niagara South
 Parliamentary Assistant to Minister of Health

Re: Joint Land Ambulance Implementation Steering Committee

I am writing to update you on the progress of the Joint Land Ambulance Implementation Steering Committee. As you may know, the Steering Committee was established to provide a forum for municipal and provincial representatives to deal with challenges and issues relating to the transfer of land ambulance to upper tier municipalities or delivery agents. I am happy to co-chair the Steering Committee with Mr. Roger Anderson, Chair, Regional Municipality of Durham. Municipal membership on the Steering Committee is drawn from all areas of the province and all types of municipalities. I would like to invite you, through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the municipal members of the steering committee, to provide comments and input to a successful transition process for land ambulance.

Since its inception in February 1999 the Steering Committee has met on three occasions and has tackled many pressing issues. Subcommittees have been established to look at a variety of labour issues and to investigate options for purchasing and procurement of ambulance vehicles and equipment. To further assist municipalities and improve communications the Steering Committee has established a joint Internet website that can be viewed at www.amo-ehs.com.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again confirm that the Ministry of Health has recognized and is acting on the employee severance, long term leases and compensation claims of existing land ambulance service operators. The Ministry will pay the accrued severance liability of these operators up to December 31, 1999. Each instance of an operator with a long term lease for an ambulance station will be looked at on an individual basis to determine if the province should provide financial assistance with respect to leases. The compensation issue for private operators has been referred to an independent tripartite panel who will make recommendations to the Ministry and the operators on their compensation claims.

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We invite you to visit the website on ambulance transition issues that you may find of interest. Please feel free to provide comments or suggestions to the Committee through the website or by writing to the Committee care of my office.

Sincerely,



Tim Hudak
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister

c.c. Roger Anderson
Pat Vanini