

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 1
OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, HOUSING AND
HEALTH SERVICES**

**For Consideration by
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
on April 19, 2007**

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NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK 2007

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Council recognize May 20–26, 2007 as National Emergency Medical Services Week 2007.
2. Regional staff be authorized to contact the local municipalities to request support to recognize May 20–26, 2007 as National Emergency Medical Services Week 2007.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval from Council to recognize the value and accomplishment of York Region EMS Paramedics during National Emergency Medical Services Week 2007.

3. BACKGROUND

In the past, Emergency Medical Services Week has been recognized at different times throughout the country. However, in 2005 the Paramedic Association of Canada and the EMS Chiefs of Canada had agreed to recognize the same week nationally and share the same week as the United States.

National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honour the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line" and raise public awareness about health and safety issues, including how to prevent injuries and what to do in a medical emergency.

For 2007, the international theme of National Emergency Medical Services Week is: "Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service".

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

EMS providers recognize the growing need for an ongoing public education in the following areas:

- What/Who is EMS?
- When to call 911/EMS?
- What to do until help arrives?
- What are Paramedics? What can they do?

Events throughout the week will honour the Paramedics and individuals who provide daily lifesaving services and educate the public about injury prevention, safety awareness and medical emergencies.

4.1 Relationship to Vision 2026

York Region EMS continues to support the Vision 2026 goals of Responding to the Needs of Our Residents and Supporting a Safe and Health Community.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the planned activities will be accommodated within the 2007 EMS operating budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The nine local municipalities will benefit from the initiative through increased public education and awareness of York Region EMS and the skill, dedication and professionalism of York Region EMS Paramedics.

7. CONCLUSION

Recognizing National Emergency Medical Services Week provides an opportunity to increase public awareness regarding the contribution of services EMS Paramedics provide in our community.

For more information on this report, please contact Brad Meekin, General Manager of Emergency Medical Services of the Health Services Department.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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