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DONATION OF YORK REGION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DECOMMISSIONED AMBULANCES

The Community and Health Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report dated November 26, 2009, from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council authorize the donation of two York Region Emergency Medical Services ambulances, decommissioned from service on October 1, 2009, to St. John Ambulance York Region Branch.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain authorization from Regional Council to donate two decommissioned York Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulances.

3. BACKGROUND

St. John Ambulance York Region Branch has requested a donation of York Region EMS ambulances (*see Attachment 1*).

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

York Region EMS ambulances are mandated to be replaced based on an established life cycle of 54 months or when the mileage exceeds 250,000 kilometres. In order to maintain the vehicle fleet and comply with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's required preventative maintenance program, York Region EMS has developed a 10 year Capital Vehicle Replacement Plan based on Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care vehicle standards and a performance-based service delivery model. Under normal circumstances, decommissioned ambulances are put up for auction annually along with other regional vehicles. This year, York Region EMS has decommissioned 13 ambulances as part of its vehicle replacement strategy.

On September 18, 2003 Regional Council approved a community affiliation between York Region EMS and St. John Ambulance York Region Branch through the adoption of

Clause No. 8 of Report No. 6 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee. This affiliation provides residents of York Region with improved special event coverage.

On December 16, 2004, Regional Council adopted Clause No. 3 of Report No. 8 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee, approving the donation of two decommissioned ambulances to the St. John Ambulance York Region Branch.

On August 10, 2009, a request was received by the Region from the York Region Branch of St. John Ambulance for the donation of two ambulances as they are in need for replacement units for their current vehicles. St. John Ambulance will utilize the ambulances to serve the community and residents of York Region.

Relationship to Vision 2026

The recommendations in this report contribute to the Vision 2026 goals of Responding to the Needs of Our Residents and Engaged Communities and a Responsive Region.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Once an ambulance is decommissioned, it is sold at auction. Based on the previous sales of ambulances at auctions, the net value of a decommissioned ambulance can range between \$3,000 to \$10,000 based on the vehicle condition, mileage, and demand.

The vehicles proposed for donation have an approximate value of \$7,500 each, based on decommissioned ambulances previously auctioned, for a net donation value of \$15,000.

St. John Ambulance will incur all costs associated with vehicle transfer, branding and maintenance.

York Region EMS budgeted \$64,000 revenue from the sale of vehicles in 2009. The \$15,000 reduction in revenue will be managed within the 2009 budget and will therefore have no tax levy impact. Further, prior to donating the York Region EMS ambulances, St. John Ambulance will be required to acknowledge in writing that The Regional Municipality of York makes no representations or warranties that the ambulances are in good operating condition or in a state of proper repair.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

A partnership with not-for-profit organizations, such as St. John Ambulance, enhances the service delivery to the residents of York Region.

7. CONCLUSION

York Region will benefit from the knowledge that our donation will support a not-for-profit community affiliated partner such as St. John Ambulance and the donated ambulances will continue to be utilized to serve the community and residents of York Region.

It is recommended that Regional Council authorize the donation of two decommissioned York Region EMS ambulances to St. John Ambulance York Region Branch in order to further develop community partnerships.

For more information on this report, please contact Norm Barrette, General Manager, Emergency Medical Services, at Ext. 4709.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the December 9, 2009 Committee meeting).



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August 10, 2009

Mr. Bill Fisch
Chairman and CEO
Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Chairman Fisch:

As you know, St. John Ambulance recently celebrated its 125th anniversary here in Canada. On June 24th, 2009, the St. John Ambulance flag was raised at the York Region Administrative Headquarters building recognizing our history and in celebration of the great staff and volunteers of the St. John Ambulance organization. Your personal participation in this event was greatly appreciated and highlights the supportive relationship that exists between the Regional Municipality of York and St. John Ambulance.

St. John Ambulance has over 30 branches and 4000 volunteers in Ontario. These volunteers attended 7200 public events and contributed 560,000 hours of community service. Here in York Region, we have over 400 hard-working and dedicated volunteers in our Cadet, Car Seat, Therapy Dog, Medical First Responder, Training and Emergency Preparedness Divisions.

In 2005, the York Region generously donated a 1998 and a 1999 decommissioned ambulance to the York Region Branch of St. John Ambulance. These ambulances assisted our volunteers in providing thousands of hours of community service at fairs, parades, community functions and special events occurring throughout York Region. The ambulances are an integral part of the community service provided by St. John Ambulance and as a volunteer organization, we greatly value your generous donation.

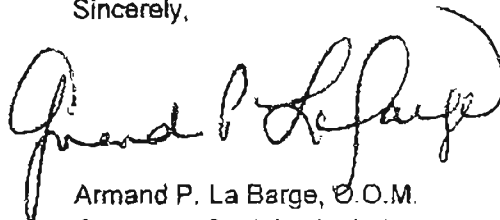
The vehicles have now reached the end of their operational life cycle and we are actively looking to replace them. St. John Ambulance respectfully requests your support and the support of Regional Council in the donation of two newer decommissioned ambulances that would allow St. John Ambulance to carry on the proud tradition of service here in York Region.



St. John Ambulance is an international humanitarian organization and is a branch of the Order of St. John.
Ambulance Saint-Jean est un organisme humanitaire international et une filiale de l'Ordre de Saint-Jean.

Your continuing support and consideration of this request is greatly appreciated and if you require further information, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Armand P. La Barge". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Armand P. La Barge, O.O.M.
Chairman, St. John Ambulance
York Region Branch