

Report #1 of the Health & Social Services Committee

For consideration by Regional Council

February 1, 2023

The Health & Social Services Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Region of Durham Paramedic Services Ambulance Vehicle Purchases and Standardization ([2023-MOH-1](#))

 - A) The Demers Ambulances Type III Mystere MX164A or replacement model be maintained as the standard for the Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) for a period of five (5) years; and
 - B) That authorization be granted to award a sole source agreement to Demers Ambulances for a period of five (5) years, effective January 1, 2023 for the purchase of new ambulances and ongoing parts, pending approval of the Paramedic Services Business Plans & Budgets.
2. 2023 Pre-Budget Approval to Establish a Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO) Virtual Mobile Team Operating out of Fairview Lodge to Support the Central East (CE) Health Region with Funding Provided by the Ministry of Long-Term Care ([2023-SS-1](#))

 - A) That pre-budget approval be granted to increase the Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Staffing complement by three (3) new full-time positions effective February 1, 2023;
 - B) That the following incremental expenditures in 2023 be funded from \$330,848 in additional Provincial funding and a \$28,789 reduction in part time staffing as follows:
 - a. One (1) Registered Practical Nurse at an estimated 2023 cost of \$88,537 (annualized cost of \$96,143);
 - b. One (1) Occupational Therapist at an estimated 2023 cost of \$123,170 (annualized cost of \$133,894);
 - c. One (1) Social Worker at an estimated 2023 cost of \$122,930 (annualized cost of \$132,636);
 - d. Start-up costs of \$25,000 for laptops, computer peripheries, cell phones, personal protective equipment, and other miscellaneous costs; and
 - C) That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to sign any subsequent amendments to the current Long-Term Care Service

Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) between Ontario Health and The Region of Durham relating to the BSO Virtual Mobile Team funding.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Roy, Chair, Health & Social Services Committee