



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Health & Social Services Committee
From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2025-MOH-2
Date: March 6, 2025

Subject:

Update to Fees for Region of Durham Paramedic Services Special Events Coverage

Recommendations:

That the Health & Social Services Committee recommends to Regional Council:

That the current fees for special events coverage by Region of Durham Paramedic Services be increased to \$205.50 per hour (3 hour minimum), representing a 3.75 per cent increase from the current rate, to be effective April 1, 2025, be approved.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval of an increase to the current Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) fees for special events coverage, representing an increase of 3.75 per cent.

2. Background

- 2.1 Organizations can contract RDPS for local events to provide medical coverage, emergency response and transport to hospital.
- 2.2 RDPS fees for special events coverage are included as part of Health Department fees, available on the [Fees and Charges](#) webpage on durham.ca.

3. Current Status

- 3.1 Regional staff conduct annual reviews of fees and charges to ensure appropriate cost recovery, maximization of revenues to the extent possible and at a minimum, that all fees are updated to reflect changing circumstances, including inflationary pressures and legislative compliance.

- 3.2 The current RDPS rate for special events coverage of \$198 per hour (3 hour minimum) has been in effect since April 1, 2023.
- 3.3 Fees are established to cover the costs of providing paramedic services. An increase in fees of 3.75 per cent, resulting in a rate of \$205.50 per hour (rounded to the nearest \$0.50), is required to address inflationary pressures related to vehicle costs, medical supplies and increases in paramedic compensation rates. This adjustment is designed to better reflect the cost of providing services and to ensure continued quality and efficiency.
- 3.4 From April 2023 to April 2024, approximately 1,200 hours of special events coverage was provided by RDPS at local events.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The 2025 Paramedic Services Business Plans and Budgets include revenues of \$273,000 for special events coverage.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 It is recommended that the current fees for special events coverage by RDPS be increased to \$205.50 per hour, representing approximately a 3.75 per cent increase from the current rate.
- 5.2 It is recommended that the updated rates come into effect April 1, 2025.
- 5.3 This report has been reviewed by the Finance Department and the Commissioner of Finance concurs with the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

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