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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
The City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing leadership, efforts, and contributions to improving health care in Ontario through your local community paramedicine initiatives.

I am writing to inform you that funding for the 23 community paramedicine projects will be extended for an additional 12 months, from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

As you are aware, since the introduction of the community paramedicine pilots in 2014, numerous health system initiatives have changed the context for community paramedicine. These include:

- Initiatives to expand access to primary care providers and home and community care and improve linkages between all parts of the system; and
- The establishment of a Ministry Steering Committee to support Patients First: Modernization of the Medical Transportation System in Ontario, which is intended to identify system change opportunities and explore other avenues to reduce and manage 911 calls and Emergency Department visits.

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Over the next year, the ministry intends to undertake further review of the impact of these changes and the role of community paramedicine within this context.

The ministry looks forward to engaging with the paramedicine community.

Sincerely,



Tim Hadwen
Assistant Deputy Minister

c: Mr. Chris Murray, City Manager
Mr. Michael Sanderson, Chief

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