




INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	May 18, 2023
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Paramedic Facilities Review (HSC23032) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not Applicable

INFORMATION

On May 19, 2022, the Emergency and Community Services Committee recommended approval of the strategic framework to guide operational, capital, and organizational decisions related to the delivery of paramedic services as outlined in Report HSC22012 – Hamilton Paramedic Service Master Plan 2022-2031 (the HPS Master Plan) and Appendix “A” to that Report. This recommendation was approved by Council on May 25, 2022.

The HPS Master Plan recommended that a facility study be conducted to develop a strategy to address the medium and long-term needs of a growing service. Funding is available within the already approved 2023 Budget. Hamilton Paramedic Service (HPS) intends to work with the City of Hamilton’s Corporate Real Estate and Facilities Division to contract a third party to conduct a facility study that will assess the adequacy of HPS facilities against the operational needs of the service in the medium and long-term. The facility needs for the five demand growth areas identified within the HPS Master Plan will be specifically addressed.

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The expected outcome of the study is a recommendation for a model identifying station types and locations for optimal functioning and response time performance.

It is expected the study will evaluate the efficacy, cost, and feasibility of:

- Central reporting station(s) operated in conjunction with appropriately dispersed one or two bay posting stations as modelled in Ottawa, Peel, and Kitchener-Waterloo; or
- The traditional model of multiple reporting stations distributed throughout the city; or
- A blended model of central reporting stations and traditional stations.

The initial steps to move forward will be to determine in conjunction with Corporate Services Procurement section whether any consultants listed on the Professional and Consultant Services Roster for the City of Hamilton 2022-2024 have the required expertise in paramedic service station placement and operational strategies.

In the event there are no consultants on the roster with the desired expertise we will work with the Procurement section in the development of a Request for Quotations (RFQ) in accordance with Procurement Policy 5.2 or alternatively in the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) in accordance with Procurement Policy 5.4.

This Information Report is provided to make Council aware of the steps now being taken in accordance with the strategic direction related to facilities planning as outlined within the HPS Master Plan previously approved by Council.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None