




CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Hamilton Paramedic Service

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 7, 2023
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Paramedic Service Student Practicum Placement Agreements (HSC23079) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief, Hamilton Paramedic Service, or delegate, be authorized to negotiate, enter into, and execute Student Practicum Placement Agreements with post-secondary educational institutions, or health care institutions and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto, including agreements or documentation with participating students, and amendments to any such agreements in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Hamilton's Legal Services Division's recent review of a new agreement with McMaster University for training of medical students resulted in the advice that clarification of signing authority is required. They recommend that explicit Council authority for the Chief, Hamilton Paramedic Service, or delegate, to sign educational precepting and training agreements be provided.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Like almost all land ambulance services, Hamilton Paramedic Service has engaged in the precepting of paramedic students enrolled in Community College programs, medical students, and nursing students since the 2000 assumption of responsibility for delivery of land ambulance service by the City.

Where formal agreements have been required, the Chief, Hamilton Paramedic Service, has signed these agreements following review of the agreement by staff in the City Solicitor's Office. Details in these agreements have included items such as workers compensation coverage, liability and indemnification, insurance requirements, and any related compensation matters.

There are currently several signed agreements in place with Community Colleges, Business Colleges, and health care institutions related to the provision of training to their students and to our own paramedic staff. Our service precepts approximately 70 paramedic students each year under these agreements. In each of the last two years more than 200 of our Primary Care Paramedics have been provided clinical exposure to support the autonomous IV program by Hamilton Health Sciences.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Signing authority is required to initiate education and precepting agreements.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The recommendation is consistent with advice provided by the City Solicitor's Office.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

N/A

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None