

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Committee Date: June 8, 2011

PRESENTED BY COUNCILLOR (McHATTIE).....

SECONDED BY.....

Re: Transfer of Care Paramedic Service – Hospital Acceptance of Patient Responsibility Regulation

Whereas a number of the municipalities in Ontario on or before the Year 2000 have observed the time to transfer the care of patients from the paramedic to the hospital emergency department staff have substantially increased, and,

Whereas despite many efforts by hospitals, the MOHLTC and the LHINS to contain the transfer of care interval the transfer of care interval continues to lengthen, and,

Whereas there are many times that paramedics are not able to respond to other urgent, life-threatening or emergency coverage needs in the community as a result of the delays in the hospital transfer of care;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Hamilton request that the Provincial Government work with the municipalities to introduce a regulation that would apply to any patient that is brought to a hospital emergency department, or like facility by paramedics, to ensure:

- (a) That in 9 out of 10 transfer of care events, starting from the time that the paramedic arrives in the hospital emergency department with a patient of any CTAS level, until the hospitals accepts the full responsibility for the patient and the paramedics are able to retrieve their stretcher or any other like conveyance device, the time interval will be 15 minutes or less, and this interval will always be less than 30 minutes;
- (b) That in all cases, the paramedic will provide to the receiving hospital staff pertinent patient information in writing and/or verbally to complete the transfer of care.