

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

County Council Chambers  
Tuesday, September 22, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

**Present:** County of Brant Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Haggart, Powell and Hodge; City of Brantford Councillors Sless and Carpenter

**Staff:** County of Brant Staff: Glassford, Longeway, Boissonneault, Papple, Hayman (7:30 p.m.) and Boyd; City of Brantford Staff: McIntyre

Councillor Wheat in the Chair.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the Emergency Services Committee agenda for September 22, 2009 be approved, noting that the Committee will recess to discuss one item pertaining to Parks and Recreation.

.Carried

### **MINUTES**

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the Emergency Services Committee minutes of July 28, 2009 be approved.

.Carried

## **AMBULANCE SERVICES**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. Correspondence from City of Brantford advising that the resolution supporting a goal of an Advanced Care Paramedic staffing rate of 67% was approved by Council on August 24, 2009 - Received as information.
2. Mayor Eddy suggested that staff contact officials at the two adjoining municipalities who have not yet settled their cross border billings with the County of Brant. These include Norfolk County (whom the County of Brant owes but an invoice has not yet been issued) and the Region of Waterloo (who owes the County). The Ambulance Manager stated that he anticipates a meeting with officials from the Region of Waterloo shortly. It was agreed that correspondence would be sent to Norfolk County and the Region of Waterloo, seeking a final resolution to this matter. Councillor Carpenter questioned whether the reserve account established for this purpose earns interest and staff was directed to investigate this matter.

The Ambulance Manager reported that a meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2009 with his colleagues to discuss the administration of cross border billings for the years 2008 and beyond.

3. Mayor Eddy expressed continued concern about a call where a resident was advised that their street name was not in the system. The Ambulance Manager responded that the dispatch centre has verified that the address is in the system and it was noted that the mistake may have been human error.

### **CONSENT ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

Moved by – Councillor Carpenter  
Seconded by – Councillor Sless

That the following Consent Items be received as information:

1. Ambulance Services Call Statistics for June, 2009.
2. Ambulance Services Call Statistics for July, 2009.
3. Ambulance Services Business Status Report.
4. Ambulance Services Cheque Register for July, 2009.
5. Ambulance Services Cheque Register for August, 2009.

.Carried

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Councillor Haggart questioned the budget process for Ambulance Services, suggesting that since this is a Joint City/County Committee, the Committee should have the opportunity to discuss priorities and to approve the draft budget before it is submitted to either City or County Finance Departments. In response to questions, the Ambulance Manager advised that the City of Brantford Finance Department has requested draft budget submissions by mid-October and the County of Brant has requested them by late-October.

It was agreed that a special Emergency Services Committee meeting would be scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 6:00 p.m. to review the Ambulance Services draft budget submission. The Ambulance Manager will follow-up with the respective finance departments to determine if they would prefer to have draft submissions prior to the 27<sup>th</sup>, noting that changes may be forthcoming after Committee's discussion or if they would prefer to receive the final submissions after the meeting on October 27. It was noted that in future years, the review of priorities would be scheduled for earlier in the budget process.

2. Councillor Wheat commended paramedic staff on their response to an incident in St. George over the weekend.

### **DIRECTOR'S / MANAGER'S UPDATE**

1. The Ambulance Manager reported that four Advanced Care Paramedic students have completed their classroom training and are starting the clinical component of their education.

### **NEXT MEETING**

A special meeting of the Emergency Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the County Council Chambers to discuss the Ambulance Services 2010 budget. The next regular meeting of the Emergency Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

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City of Brantford Councillors Sless and Carpenter left the meeting at 7:28 p.m., as well as staff members McIntyre, Longeway and Papple.

## **FIRE SERVICES**

### **CONSENT ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the following Consent Items be received as information:

1. Chiefs' Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2009 – *in response to a question, Chief Boissonneault advised that staff is always seeking ways to improve communications and efficiencies as technologies progress. Councillor Wheat invited any Committee or Council member to attend a Fire Station to experience the difference between hand-held and truck radio transmissions.*
2. Chiefs' Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2009.
3. Fire Call Report – July, 2009.
4. Fire Call Report – August, 2009.
5. Fire Prevention Activity Report - July 1, 2009 to August 31, 2009.
6. Fire Services Business Status Report.
7. Fire Services Cheque Register – July, 2009.
8. Fire Services Cheque Register – August, 2009.

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### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

1. ES-09-22 – Ice/Water Rescue Boats – Chief Boissonneault reported that a portion of the funds from the Fire Services Grant received in 2005 would be used to ensure that the County's Ice/Water Rescue boats comply with current regulations. This will help to standardize the response from Stations 1 (Paris) and 6 (Onondaga), in support of the Master Fire Plan. In response to a question, Chief Boissonneault reviewed that approximately \$30,000 remains in the Fire Grant account. He noted that this money was intended to be allocated for specialized items not recognized in normal operating budgets. There is no deadline for the expenditure of the funds.
2. ES-09-23 – Surplus Equipment – Chief Boissonneault reviewed that this report was prepared in response to questions raised at the last meeting. Specifically, Unit 12, Pumper (1976 Ford), Unit 75, Tanker (1971 Ford) and Unit 44, Tanker (1978 International) have been forwarded to the County's Fleet Manager to be taken to auction. Trailer 19 (1980, refurbished in 2006) is being reviewed for possible redeployment within the County of Brant. The Committee requested a follow-up report outlining the funds received at auction for each of the units.
3. ES-09-24 – Activity Synopsis, Fire Department – Chief Boissonneault presented this report, outlining significant responses, events and announcements pertaining to the Fire Department over the past few months. The Committee commended the format and information contained in this report and it was agreed that this report would be forwarded to Committee on a regular basis.

With respect to the announcement about the Jaws Of Life Tournament (JOLT), Chief Boissonneault reported that County of Brant Station 4 (Cainsville) finished first in the

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2009 competition. It was agreed that the participants would be invited to an upcoming Council meeting to be recognized and presented with a certificate. It was suggested that the Fire Chief prepare a news release in advance of the ceremony as background information for the media in attendance.

Chief Boissonneault invited all Committee and Council members to participate in the Fire Prevention Week activities at the various County of Brant stations.

### **POLICE SERVICES**

#### **BOARD MINUTES**

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by - Councillor Hodge

That the Police Services Board Minutes of July 15, 2009 be received as information.

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In discussion regarding the status of the police accommodations issue, Don Glassford, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on a meeting with County staff, O.P.P. staff (from the Brant County Detachment, Contract Services and Headquarters) and a real estate representative from the Province of Ontario. Discussions were held at this meeting regarding how to move this project forward and purchase / leasing opportunities. County staff is reviewing the site criteria established by the Police Accommodations Committee in view of concerns raised about a fair evaluation of all areas of the County. A report outlining staff's conclusions and recommending any changes to the criteria will be presented to Council in October.

Mayor Eddy suggested that further consideration be given to the former Sacred Heart School site, in view of a notice of intent to dispose of the property from the School Board and comments that the adjacent church may not be interested in acquiring the property. The Director noted that staff would be reviewing the site in terms of the best, if any, use of the site for municipal purposes.

The Committee adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Secretary