

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	March 11, 2021
Subject / Report No:	PSR-CW-06-21
Title:	Community Paramedic Long Term Care (CPLTC) Funding Agreement
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	
Status:	Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution CW56-21; Endorsed by Council CC29-21

Recommendation

1. **That Report PSR-CW-06-21 CPLTC Funding Agreement be received for information; and**
2. **That That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Province of Ontario for the delivery of the CPLTC program as outlined by the CPLTC Agreement and its schedules; and**
3. **That due to the Ministry program timelines, the required agreement be executed ahead of Council approval as per Section 25.6 b) of the Procedural By-law.**

Executive Summary

The Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) has approved Grey County for the expansion of our community paramedicine program. The CPLTC program will keep individuals stabilized in their illness trajectory and in their own home for as long as possible.

Report PSR-CW-03-21 Grey County Community Paramedic Program Expansion – Community Paramedic Support for Long Term Care Proposal was endorsed by County Council February 11, 2021. That report committed to bringing back the agreement to Council once received from the province. The agreement reflects the details of the program as discussed in that report, including implementation by March 31, 2021 and a funding commitment through 2023-24.

Background and Discussion

Community Paramedics play an important role in supporting vulnerable patients in their

homes. Community Paramedics provide home visits to undertake assessments and evidence-based treatments of patients under the medical delegation of primary care physicians to decrease the rate of hospitalization for patients living with chronic disease. Grey County has been offering a community paramedic program for over six years.

The Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) has approved Grey County to expand its community paramedicine program. The CPLTC program will keep individuals stabilized in their illness trajectory and in their own home for as long as possible.

This 100% provincially funded program will focus exclusively on seniors in three categories of eligibility:

- Those on the waitlist for long-term care;
- Those who have been assessed as eligible for long-term care by a LHIN Care Coordinator (but not yet on the waitlist); and,
- Those who are soon to be eligible for long-term care.

The Grey County CPLTC program will allow for coverage across the entire County, allowing for equitable care. The model will involve incorporating all family health teams, individual primary care physicians and community health centres within the County that would like to participate. There is a potential to add an additional 300-350 patients to the current 125-150 patient roster.

Staff are looking forward to building upon our already well established community paramedic program to support the CPLTC initiative. We believe that the partnerships we have developed in the community will aid us in the expansion to meet the demands of this new opportunity and enable Grey to become a stronger partner to support patients.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

None with this report

Financial and Resource Implications

The CPLTC program is 100% funded by the Ministry. To expand the program there is a capital investment required for vehicles and other equipment. To maximize the funding for program delivery and boots on the ground for patient care the County will up-front the capital costs from the Paramedic Services Equipment Replacement Reserve which is anticipated to have a balance of \$1,318,612 at December 31, 2021. Capital costs will be recovered over the next 5-7 years.

Relevant Consultation

Internal - Finance

Appendices and Attachments

[PSR-CW-03-21 Community Paramedic Program Expansion CPLTC](#)

[Attachment to PSR-CW-06-21 CPLTC Funding Agreement](#)

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