

Report EMSR-TAPS-04-14

To: Chair Milne and Members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee

From: Mike Muir, Director

Meeting Date: February 20, 2014

Subject: Hosting the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chief's (OAPC) Annual General Meeting and Governor General's Exemplary Service Awards Gala in 2016

Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution TAPS31-14 February 20, 2014; Endorsed by County Council March 4, 2014 per Resolution CC37-14;

Recommendation(s)

THAT Report EMSR-TAPS-04-14 be received;

AND THAT the County of Grey (with participation from other OAPC members) hosts the 2016 Ontario Association of Paramedic Chief's (OAPC) General Meeting and Awards Gala at Blue Mountain Resorts in September of 2016.

Background

The Annual OAPC General Meeting and Awards Gala is held each year in September and is hosted by a different municipality throughout the province. The past few conferences and upcoming conferences are listed below:

- 2015 – Windsor
- 2014 – London
- 2013 – York Region
- 2012 – Ottawa

The conference has a great economic benefit for the host municipality as it brings approximately 300 individuals to the conference and educational sessions and upwards of 700 attendees at the Awards Gala. The conference has a strong focus on education

both operational and medical in nature. The OAPC represents Emergency Medical Services providers from the fifty Upper Tier Municipalities (regions, counties, selected cities, and designated service delivery boards in northern Ontario). This event brings together the key partners in the delivery of pre hospital emergency care for the 3 day conference.

The Awards Gala provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements in Ontario EMS by recognizing the recipients of the Governor General's Exemplary Service Medal and other awards for acts of bravery and service. Attended by approximately 700 individuals, the gala is the highlight of the conference and is a spectacular event.

It is also an excellent opportunity for local paramedic staff to attend the conference without the need to travel. The AMEMSO board fully supports the choice of Grey County as host as the board is trying to promote the involvement of smaller municipalities in the annual general meeting. OAPC provides a conference kit that includes a step by step conference manual that helps the host municipality organize the conference. Dufferin, Perth, Bruce County EMS and Simcoe County Paramedic Services have expressed an interest in assisting with the conference.

Grey County hosted the conference in 2011 with its partner municipalities and had a very successful conference. The OAPC has already endorsed the Grey County group and is pleased that our group has "stepped up" again.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

The host municipality does not incur any direct financial cost; the costs of the conference are covered by delegate fees and sponsors. It is anticipated that there is a significant time commitment for the host municipality however, there will not be a need to bring on additional staff to handle the increased workload.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Goal 6 – Achieving Excellence in Service Delivery: By bringing Ontario EMS providers together to share and learn from each other, Grey County EMS will be better positioned to improve service delivery to its ratepayers and visitors.

Respectfully submitted by,

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