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Mr. Les Gamble
Chair
The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
210 Mead Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Gamble:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing leadership, efforts, and contributions to improving health care in Ontario through your local community paramedicine initiatives.

I am writing to inform you that funding for the 23 community paramedicine projects will be extended for an additional 12 months, from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

As you are aware, since the introduction of the community paramedicine pilots in 2014, numerous health system initiatives have changed the context for community paramedicine. These include:

- Initiatives to expand access to primary care providers and home and community care and improve linkages between all parts of the system; and
- The establishment of a Ministry Steering Committee to support Patients First: Modernization of the Medical Transportation System in Ontario, which is intended to identify system change opportunities and explore other avenues to reduce and manage 911 calls and Emergency Department visits.

Mr. Les Gamble

Over the next year, the ministry intends to undertake further review of the impact of these changes and the role of community paramedicine within this context.

The ministry looks forward to engaging with the paramedicine community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Hadwen". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Tim Hadwen
Assistant Deputy Minister

c: Mr. Fern Dominelli, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Michael Maclsaac, Chief of EMS