The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

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Moved By Seconded By

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is requesting a resolution of support for the following:

WHEREAS Greater Sudbury was selected by the Ministry of Health as a pilot municipality for assumption of operational control of the Central Ambulance Communications Centre as one of three pilot sites following the 2001 download of Land Ambulance Services; and

WHEREAS in 2014 a feasibility study was completed by the City of Greater Sudbury, and concluded that a fully integrated Emergency Communications Services system that included EMS Communications, the exiting 9-1-1 system, and both Police and Fire communications centre for Greater Sudbury was desirable; and

WHEREAS Greater Sudbury City Council endorsed the proposed solution; and

WHEREAS such a model could benefit Land Ambulance Services beyond the City of Greater Sudbury through seamless dispatching of emergency services, including Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services; and

WHEREAS during the Provincial 2019-2020 budget, the Province indicated they would be modernizing the Provincial Land Ambulance Dispatch System; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services are currently dispatched by three (3) separate Ambulance Communication Centres located in Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury; and

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed consolidation of Land Ambulance dispatch with the City's dispatch for 911, Police and Fire and recommends endorsement from the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accept the Program Planning recommendation and endorses the proposed consolidation of Land Ambulance dispatch with the City's dispatch for 9-1-1, Police and Fire to achieve a fully integrated Emergency Communications Services system; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff engage the Ontario Ministry of Health in discussions to transfer operational governance for Paramedic dispatch to Greater Sudbury (contingent on 100% provincial funding); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Health consolidate the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services dispatch from the current three (3) Ambulance Communications Centres to (1) one Ambulance Communication Centre; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board write to the Honourable Christine Elliot, Deputy Premier and the Minister of Health, indicating that Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is supportive of an Integrated Emergency Dispatch Service model; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of the letter be sent to Alison Blair, Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Health Services Division, Jim Pine, Advisor to the Minister of Health, to all 18 member municipalities, to the Northern Ontario Service Delivery Agencies (NOSDA) and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to the MPPs for the ridings of Sudbury, Nickel Belt, Timiskaming-Cochrane and Algoma Manitoulin.

The Township of Burpee and Mills supports this resolution.

Defeated:

This is a true and certified copy of Motion 2020-80 passed in Open Council via teleconference Monday, May 4, 2020.

Date

Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer