



## Committee Report

**To:** Councillor Don Murray, Chair and  
Members of the Paramedic Services Committee

**From:** Steve Schaus  
Director of Paramedic Services

**Date:** March 2, 2023

**Re:** Community Paramedicine Program Update March 2023

---

### Staff Recommendation:

That the 2023 budget be amended to include up to approximately \$90,000 of funding from the Paramedic Services reserve to fund the Community Paramedicine High Intensity Supports at Home Program funded through Ontario Health West if required.

### Background:

Since January 2021, Bruce County Paramedic Services have delivered Community Paramedicine services through funding received from Ontario Health West for the High Intensity Supports at Home Program. Funding in the amount of \$123,241 was received for the period of January 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021. Since April 1, 2021 the County of Bruce has been receiving \$30,000 a month to support this program. Currently it is possible although not yet confirmed, that the County will receive an additional allocation of funding for the period beginning April 2023. It is expected that this confirmation may come by the end of April 2023 as it did in 2021.

In light of this and given the observable need and benefit of the program, it is recommended that the program continue for the first quarter of 2023 ending June 30th, pending confirmation of additional funding. The costs of extending the program until the end of the first quarter ending June 30, 2023 are projected to be approximately \$90,000. If no commitment for additional funding is received, the High Intensity Supports at Home Program will be concluded.

### Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

As of December 31, 2022 there are sufficient funds available in the Paramedic Services reserves to fund this request of approximately \$90,000.

### Interdepartmental Consultation:

The Corporate Services Department was consulted.

**Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:**

None

**Approved for submission:**

Derrick Thomson  
Chief Administrative Officer