



## Paramedic Services Committee Agenda

Thursday, May 3, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

County Administration Centre,  
Walkerton

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
2. Information Items
  - A. Paramedic Services Week (attached)
3. Next Meeting

June 7, 2018
4. Adjournment



## Committee Report

**To:** Warden Paul Eagleson  
Members of the Paramedic Services Committee

**From:** Michael McKeage  
Director of Health Services

**Date:** May 3, 2018

**Re:** 2018 Paramedic Services Week

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### Recommendation:

The report on the 2018 Paramedic Services Week is for information.

### Background:

Each year the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada designate National Paramedic Services Week to celebrate the contribution that Canada's 30,000 Paramedics make to the health and wellbeing of their fellow Canadians. This year Paramedic Services week runs from May 27<sup>th</sup>- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the theme is: **Paramedics: Health-Community-You.**

Last year the one hundred members of the Bruce County Paramedic Service responded to some 11,000 calls for assistance or service standbys. Some 6,500 patients were transported during this period. These calls ranged from critical time dependent emergencies to assisting the elderly in their homes avoiding the need for hospitalization.

In addition to maintaining their annual provincial certification requirements, our Paramedics are required to continually master new techniques in order to serve the citizens of Bruce County more effectively. This year the return of the tourniquet, the addition of hemostatic dressings to our Patient Care Standards list, and a review of the proper techniques to be used to assist a Mother through a complicated birth were competency requirements of all of our staff.

The Bruce County Paramedic Service will again promote Paramedic Services Week by conducting some school visits, possible blood pressure clinics in some communities, and an open-house on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 - 14:00 at the Walkerton station. These will all be geared to increase interest in the profession, inform the public about the services provided by Bruce County Paramedic Services and demonstrate the modern equipment used by Paramedics on a daily basis.



**Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:**

There are no financial, staffing, legal, nor IT considerations associated with this report.

**Interdepartmental Consultation:**

N/A

**Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:**

Goal #3. Find creative ways to engage our public.  
Element D. Expand Bruce County promotion in the schools  
Goal #6. Explore alternate options to improve service.

**Approved by:**

Kelley Coulter  
Chief Administrative Officer