

Adjustment to 1999 Toronto Ambulance Operating Budget

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Policy and Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the Recommendation of the Community Services Committee embodied in the following communication (November 4, 1999) from the City Clerk:

Recommendation:

The Community Services Committee on November 4, 1999, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the report dated October 16, 1999, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services requesting an adjustment to the 1999 Toronto Ambulance Operating Budget.

(Report dated October 16, 1999, addressed to the
Community Services Committee from the
Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services)

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to request City Council to adjust the 1999 Toronto Ambulance operating budget to reflect increased funding from the Ministry of Health to offset increased operating expenses.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There is no financial impact on the 1999 operating budget. Ongoing financial impact on future operating budgets will be addressed as required.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Toronto Ambulance Operating Budget be increased by \$418,600.00 and the provincial grant be increased by the corresponding amount; and**
- (2) the appropriate city officials be given the authority to give effect thereto.**

Comments:

Toronto Ambulance has had ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Health regarding the increased workload on our emergency medical dispatchers resulting from the ongoing problems of hospital closures, redirect consideration and critical care bypass. The Ministry has agreed to flow Toronto Ambulance \$283,600.00 to hire additional staff to address workload issues.

Toronto Ambulance paramedic crews have also experienced an increase in the service time of an ambulance call resulting from the hospital closure issues. This has reduced the time available for paramedic crews to do vehicle cleaning and ambulance station related functions. The Ministry of Health has agreed to flow \$135,000.00 this fiscal year to address this problem.

Conclusions:

The increase to the Toronto Ambulance 1999 operating budget is offset by a corresponding increase in funding from the Ministry of Health.

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