

Hastings-Quinte Paramedic Services to Support the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (MBQ) in the Creation of Ambulance Services on Mohawk Territory

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Media Release

At today's meeting, Hastings County Council, approved Hastings/Quinte Paramedic Services establishing an ambulance service on Mohawk Territory in partnership with the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.

The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (MBQ) along with the Emergency Health Services Branch (EHSB) of the Ministry of Health engaged with Hastings-Quinte Paramedic Services to support the operation of land ambulance services on their territory 24 hours a day, 7 days a week operating based out of the Mohawk Fire Hall. The proposed operating model is based on a similar partnership that Hastings County and Prince Edward County have engaged in for the last 20 years for Paramedic Services.

The Ministry of Health will be providing 100% of the operating costs each year with a proposed contract for service in place for a minimum of 8 years. It is anticipated that ambulance operations could commence by September 2024.

"Hastings County is happy to offer our support in establishing this additional ambulance service through partnerships with MBQ and the Ministry of Health," stated Bob Mullin, Hastings County Warden. "We believe this agreement is mutually beneficial to Hastings County and the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte."

"The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte are pleased to be working with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Hastings County to increase paramedic services in Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. Having an ambulance stationed within the territory is great news for our community, as the latest available statistics have ambulance response times to the territory at more than twice the provincial average. The ambulance service will operate out of our new fire hall and an expansion has been proposed," stated Chief R. Donald Maracle.

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