



**The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

C O U N C I L R E P O R T

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TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council
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RE: Land Ambulance Maintenance Agreement Renewal 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to renew the land ambulance maintenance agreement between the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) for the Fire Services Support Services Division to perform maintenance and repairs on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) vehicles.

Background

The Support Services Division has provided maintenance and repairs to the EMS fleet since 2002. EMS transitioned to the DSSMSSAB on January 1, 2020 and a formal Vehicle Maintenance Agreement was required between the City and DSSMSSAB. The agreement is found elsewhere on the agenda. This updated agreement also reflects the new shop rate as per the current collective agreement.

Analysis

The Support Services Division is responsible for maintaining and repairing land ambulances and fleet vehicles. The type of work performed includes scheduled preventative maintenance to meet Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Ministry of Health (MOH) requirements, transportation of units, breakdown and running repairs, as well as annual safety inspections required by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) to ensure emergency service vehicles meet the required standards for frontline apparatus.

EMS land ambulances are located at the Regional Emergency Services Complex (RESC) on Old Garden River Road and Tancred Street (main fire hall). The Support Services Division workspace is also located at RESC. This provides ease of access and delivery of the EMS units to the mechanical staff. It also provides for an efficient and timely repair process when required for emergency vehicles.

Financial Implications

Fire Services recovers costs for performing maintenance on EMS paramedic vehicles. Cost recovery has been realized for each year within the agreements. For the last two years, 2024 (\$211,017) and 2025 (\$245,355) were recovered.

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Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact

This is an operational matter and not articulated in the Corporate Strategic Plan.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

The relevant By-law 2026-20 is listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

Respectfully submitted,

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