



Council Report

Report Number: EMS 2021-004
Meeting Date: October 19th, 2021,
Title: **Opioid and Drug Surveillance Data Sharing Agreement**
Description: An agreement for data and information sharing between the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) and Paramedic Service
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Recommendation(s):

That Report EMS 2021-004, **Opioid and Drug Surveillance Data Sharing Agreement**, be received,

That the Opioid and Drug Surveillance Data Sharing Agreement, as generally outlined in Appendix A to Report EMS2021-004, be approved; and

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

The Opioid Task Force is made up of a collection of stakeholders dedicated to improving the safety of those who suffer from substance dependence in our community. The task force is interested in developing an early warning system informed by real-time data to provide to surveillance and respond to an increased substance concern.

Rationale:

The current method of providing this data to the Opioid Task Force is manual and time consuming. In efforts to streamline and automate the process this data sharing agreement would allow authorized representatives of the Opioid Task Force restricted access to the Paramedic Service database of calls. The access would not include personal health information and is compliant with release of information through the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA).

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

Good Government - Adhering to safe and confidential sharing of data.

An Exceptional Quality of Life – It is the goal of Kawartha Lakes Paramedic Service to foster community services and programs that value improving care in the community, improving coordination of resources, and notifications. Additionally, we wish to support and strengthen partnerships that can increase harm reduction, prevent hospitalization and increase the information and education to the vulnerable community who would be most affected by information.

Consultations:

City Solicitor

Attachments:

Appendix A:



Data
Agreement.pdf

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