

Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

2021 Budget

Land Ambulance Provincial Funding Shortfall

Briefing Note required for:

- items +/- \$50,000 or more
- changes in FTE
- Council Priority requests

| Dept. | Division | Business Unit | Item | Base Supp | Amount | FTE Impact |
|-------|----------|----------------|--|-----------|-------------|------------|
| FES | FES | AMB - Revenues | Ministry 50% funding shortfall | S | \$231,358 | |
| FES | FES | AMB - Revenues | Fund from Amb Operations CK/Prov – 17286 | S | (\$192,324) | |
| FES | FES | AMB - Revenues | Fund from Ambulance General - 17281 | S | (\$39,034) | |
| | | | Total: | | \$0 | |

Background:

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent shares the cost of providing land ambulance services on a 50/50 basis with the Ministry of Health. However, the Province has implemented a funding freeze for these services at the 2019-year level with modest increases being given currently estimated only at a 1% funding increase level for the 2021 year.

As a result, current contract increases with Chatham-Kent's ambulance provider as well as part of the previous year's additional 12-hour level of emergency service may not be recovered due to these funding changes by the Province. The \$231,358 represents the difference in what would be the Province's share on a 50/50 basis, less what the actual funding the Municipality is receiving plus the modest estimated increase.

This funding shortfall is identified as a supplementary or one-time request as it is unclear as to whether the Province will continue this funding change for land ambulance services or will increase the funding mitigating the burden on Municipal Budget's in the near future.

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