

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending April 10, 2015

REPORTS

1. File of Life Community Paramedicine
2. [2014 Community Report for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health](#)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. March 30, 2015 – March Payment for Municipal Bluebox Recycling for the 2014 Program Year

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. [Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2015](#)
2. [County of Wellington Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2015](#)

ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

1. None.

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TO City Council

SERVICE AREA Public Services, Emergency Services

DATE April 9, 2015

SUBJECT File of Life Community Paramedicine

REPORT NUMBER PS-15-21

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Guelph Wellington Emergency Medical Services has revamped the “Vial of Life” program and is distributing File of Life to agencies that work with vulnerable individuals in our community.

KEY FINDINGS

When responding to a 911 call, there are times when the history of the patient is undetermined due to a variety of factors such as intoxication, unconsciousness, or dementia. The File of Life is an information pamphlet that the resident completes to provide emergency responders critical information during an emergent response. The File of Life is highly visible and is magnetic, designed to be stored on the refrigerator in the home.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This program has been funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) grant for community paramedicine. Community partners Guelph Family Health team has provided sponsorship for future purchase.

BACKGROUND

Within Guelph and Wellington County, several organizations distribute methods to provide information to responders during emergency response; most common is the Vial of Life. The Vial of Life is essentially a list kept within a medicine bottle that is stored in a refrigerator and identified by a magnet located on the refrigerator door. While effective, this program was identified as cumbersome by the front end user and difficult to locate by the responder.

The File of Life will replace the Vial of Life within the division; however, the Vial of Life will still be recognized and supported by responding Guelph Wellington Emergency Medical Service paramedics.

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The File of Life program is connected with the Community Paramedic program that received one time funding in 2014 from the MOHLTC. The File of Life is simple and cost effective and has evoked interest from many community partners.

The product was created in collaboration with Guelph Family Health Team, Community Care Access Centre, and the Canadian Mental Health Association. The use of the Guelph Wellington Emergency Medical Service crest is consistent with other municipalities' community paramedic programs and will therefore be recognized generically by responders throughout the province.

Information that is populated within the File for Life is related to residents' health and includes their medical history, medications, allergies, and other information that is useful during transport to hospital. Current distributors include primary care physicians, pharmacies, Guelph Independent Living, Homewood Health Centre, Guelph Eramosa Safe Communities, Wellington Social Housing, and paramedics working in the community.

As the product has been distributed, continual evaluation has been completed to improve the product. Future prints of the File of Life will have information regarding returning unused and expired medications as sponsored by the Prescription Medication Steering Committee of Guelph Wellington. Guelph Family Health Team will also be linking the File of Life to their clients' Passport Program which is a more elaborate information package that includes clients' medical and social history.

The community paramedic program is working with agencies to educate the public and responders to the current File of Life program. Community paramedics have been invited to sessions with seniors groups to assist in the completion of the File of Life exemplified by presentations at the Evergreen Retire in Style event. The File of Life has recently been presented to the Community Older Adult Leadership Team, and will be featured in May at the City of Guelph Annual Emergency Preparedness Day.

Supporting wellness in the community, this program connects individuals in a valuable way during a crisis, placing critical information into healthcare providers' hands.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

Innovation in Local Government

2.2 Deliver Public Service better

City Building

3.1 Ensure a well designed, safe, inclusive, appealing and sustainable City

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3.3 Strengthen citizen and stakeholder engagement and communications

DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION

Community Engagement
Corporate Communications
Accessibility

COMMUNICATIONS

Corporate Communications will assist in communicating this new program

ATTACHMENTS

ATT-1 File of Life Photo

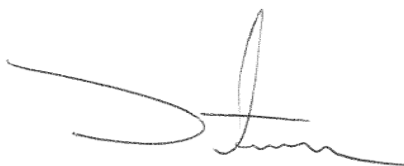
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File of Life

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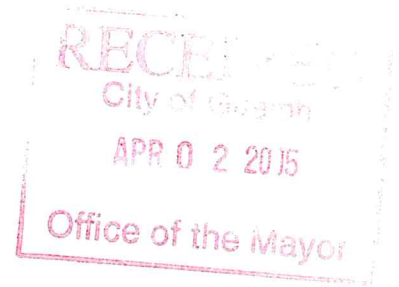
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Stewardship Ontario



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RE: March Payment for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the 2014 Program Year

March 30, 2015

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

Packaging and printed paper companies, represented by Stewardship Ontario, fulfill their responsibilities to fund 50% of the reasonable net costs incurred by municipalities as a result of the Blue Box Program by making cash payments to municipalities on a quarterly basis. The current payment represents your allocation for the final payment of the 2014 obligation, which was set as \$115,172,322 by the Honorable Robert Armstrong.

The total obligation and payments to individual municipalities for 2015 have not yet been determined by the Municipal Industry Program Committee (MIPC), a subcommittee of the Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) Board. MIPC is currently in discussions to determine the method for calculating the obligation in accordance with the requirements of the Blue Box Program Plan, as amended, and the findings of Mr. Armstrong.

I welcome any comments or questions you may have regarding the Blue Box Program and the payments you receive from Stewardship Ontario.

On behalf of the producers, brand owners and retailers we represent, I would like to thank you for your partnership and commitment to waste diversion in this province.

Sincerely,

David Pearce
Supply Chain Officer
Stewardship Ontario