



Memo to Council

From the Office of Mayor Rob Vagramov

Date: March 26, 2021
Subject: Emergency Medical Care in British Columbia

On March 18, 2021, Council received a letter (**Attachment 1**) from the Port Moody Firefighters Local 2399 regarding Emergency Medical Care in British Columbia requesting that Port Moody Council send a letter to the Minister of Health to expand the range of emergency medical events to which municipal emergency medical responders are called to attend.

With COVID-19 and the ongoing pressures it is putting on the first responders, having 25% staffing levels for paramedics and ambulance services across the Lower Mainland is of great concern for not only people in our community, but across the lower mainland. Port Moody Council has been an advocate in previous years when it has come to changes of the dispatch levels, and BC Ambulance. I am bringing forward this memo to support the request of Port Moody Firefighters Local 2399 in writing a letter to the Minister of Health so that every community in the Lower Mainland has the adequate response time and services when it comes to emergency medical responses.

Suggested Recommendation

THAT Port Moody Council send a letter to the Minister of Health requesting that the Provincial Government expand the range of emergency medical events to which municipal emergency medical responders are called to attend as outlined in the memo dated March 26, 2021 from Mayor Rob Vagramov regarding Emergency Medical Care in British Columbia.

Attachments

1. Letter dated March 18, 2021 regarding Emergency Medical Care in BC from Port Moody Firefighters Local 2399
2. Letter from Corporation of Delta to Adrian Dix Minister of Health Emergency Medical Care in BC