Our Recommended Solution

We recognize that Pointe au Baril has effective 911 services but also that it requires additional marine transportation resources in addition to the OPP and CCG. In previous presentations to PaBIA's Board, we established a position for PaBIA where it advocates the creation of a community committee or foundation that could raise funds to establish a certified transportation agency. Alternatively, it advocated to have the Township levy our neighbourhood to pay for the service.

The work of the two EMS committees have developed this creative solution to add another formalized transportation agency as a certified option for 911 personnel, overcome lack of volunteer resources in our community, and <u>create employment</u> in PaB. Most importantly, it does not insert an extra step or service into the strictly managed protocols of EMS 911. Rather it could be integrated into 911 lists of certified transportation agencies in its decision matrix for a medical emergency.

PaBIA would be the catalyst to create a community committee, external to PaBIA, that focuses solely on the creation of a community funded and certified 911 transportation agency in Pointe au Baril. This committee or foundation would have a singular focus and formulate a plan to move forward. It would include but not limited to the following:

- establish a direct relationship with 911 EMS and other levels of government,
- develop a community narrative for communication purposes,
- create a business case for a business to consider operating a 24/7 service,
- Create tender for services sought, etc.

The Township of Archipelago could be utilized to apply a levy by neighbourhood to pay for the service.

Benefits

The creation of a certified transportation agency local to Pointe au Baril will provide the following:

- ✓ Potentially eliminates the possibility of a 4 or more hour wait;
- ✓ Work within provincially mandated 911 response protocols;
- ✓ Creates employment in PaB that addresses volunteer issues;
- ✓ PaBIA is <u>solely</u> the catalyst to enlist interested community members in the establishment of a community committee or foundation;
- ✓ PaBIA is not involved in the effort to establish this service nor operate it.

Conclusions | Next Steps

Solicit Input Gain Concurrence

It is important to gauge our Community's understanding of the potential gap in response time and its potential impact on our families however unlikely it may appear. It is important to note that this would be a unique solution as there are no publicly funded 911 certified, marine transportation service in Ontario beyond OPP and the CCG. This means our community would pay for this service above and beyond our municipal and provincial taxes.

Open Letter to Community

PaBIA must address the survey results on EMS services on the Bay and can do this with an 'Open Letter to the Community' outlining the PaBIA's position and the work done to date. We recommend that it come from the Board and be utilized to solicit volunteers to undertake the hard work of creating a community committee or foundation.

PaBIA Role is 'Catalyst'

Should our community choose to move forward, PaBIA would solicit volunteers to form a committee outside of our rate payer association to undertake the formal responsibility for the solution, engage key stakeholders and begin the hard work of detailed planning. PaBIA can certainly be a resource to the committee but its Board and volunteers would have no formal responsibility or involvement that derives risk to the Association.

It is for the Board to develop a motion to either adopt this approach or decide it is not the path forward for PaBIA. Member Safety Portfolio would continue to work on member self-preparedness for fire and medical in either scenario.