



## Paramedic Services Section 21 Committee Meeting Minutes

@ 675 Cochrane Drive, Toronto

Date: June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 1:00pm – 4:30pm June 12<sup>th</sup> & 9:00am – 12:00pm June 13<sup>th</sup>

### Attendance:

(Members)	Ian Nash (co-chair) Colin Heise Dave Doran Harri Hamalainen Mike Nunn Marc Goudie	CUPE Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs OPSEU Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs Unifor Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs
(Observers)	Dawn Clinch Dan Armstrong Rob Nishman Don Pierce	Public Services Health and Safety Association Workers Health and Safety Centre Ministry of Health Ministry of Health
(Facilitator)	Julie Jeurond	MLITSD
(Guests)	Natasha D'Angelo Nancy Bradshaw Natasha Baird Anthony Grimaldi Jennifer Cheung	Workers Health and Safety Centre MLITSD, Prevention Division MLITSD, Prevention Division WSIB WSIB
(Regrets)	John McCarthy (co-chair) Stephen Adlington	Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs SEIU

### 1.0 Welcome and Introductions

The Paramedic Section 21 meeting was held at 675 Cochrane Drive, Toronto. The meeting is co-chaired by I. Nash and John McCarthy. John was unable to join June's meeting.

### 2.0 Review of the March 2024 Minutes and Action Items

J. Jeurond, MLITSD reviewed the minutes from the March 2024 meeting. No changes made. Minutes approved.

### 3.0 Presentation – Prevention Works – mid-strategy engagement

Nancy Bradshaw and Natasha Baird provided an overview of the Ontario's occupational health and safety strategy, Prevention Works, having passed the mid-point.



Prevention Works  
mid strategy engage

#### **4.0 Ministry of Health Update**

D. Pierce provided the following update:

- MPDS – Successful rollout in Ottawa and Renfrew. Georgian Nov. 2024 next to go live, then Kingston, Oshawa and Lindsey then Hamilton. Radios updated by end of 2025, early 2026.
- PSRN - Better and clearer communications. Emergency alarm activation training underway. Mississauga this week and Georgian after, then Oshawa. East thereafter.
- CAD5 – Completed. Upgrading to CAD2022. Looking for CAD vendor through procurement process.
- CACC's – Staffing levels looking better. ACO's salaries more in line with peers now.
- Telephony – upgrading to ensure all 21 CACC's have same system. Niagara completed, starting deployment in SW Ontario. System has calmed down the environment.
- Discussion from members:
  - Concerns around hearing conversations between CACC's – Ministry is aware.
  - No changes to number of radios provided. Concerns that students and return to work individuals may be without radios.

R. Nishman provided the following update:

- No legislative changes since March meeting.
- Colin mentioned that vehicle and equipment standards may be antiquated.
- DNR standards being reviewed.

#### **5.0 PSHSA Update**

D. Clinch, PSHSA provided an update on their activities. Please see attached presentation.



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#### **6.0 Workers Health and Safety Centre Update**

D. Armstrong provided the following:

- 2 new training centres opening in the fall in Sudbury and London.
- Working on building Program Advisory Committees.
- Natasha will be an alternate on the committee.

#### **7.0 MLITSD Update**

J. Jeaurond, MLITSD, led a discussion on how Fire Services obtained Presumptive Coverage for Cancers.



## Chronology of Firefighter Presumpi

### 8.0 Roundtable and New Business

#### Ian Nash

- Discussed Green Ops Fishing who use the therapeutic power of fishing to help with mental stress amongst first responder personnel.
- Base pagers made a big difference, works well.
- Concerns with functioning JHSC's, dealing with refusals.
- Access to mental health resources are a concern.
- Incident involving non-ambulance vehicle responding to 911 call with lights and sirens and picked up patient and brought them to their facility.
- Staffing levels an issue.
- Members asking for more GN's/remind Inspectors about them. Maybe distributing through OAPC.
- No response from MO regarding radio communication.

#### C. Heise

- Service review completed.

#### D. Doran

- Concerns related to local safe injection site, complaint filed with MLITSD and called following subsequent work refusal by worker. Determined that worker did not have a right to refuse due to determination that location was a first aid clinic, concerns addressed as a complaint.
- Close call involving mine shaft – ground gave way during assessment.
- OPSEU holding health and safety conference in November.
- Several critical calls, boat accident and major car accident.

#### M. Nunn

- ORNGE planning expansion.
- International hires (9) considered critical care in their countries.
- Novel vehicles – starting to see actual ambulances with proper stretchers in northern communities.
- In 2022 ORNGE was able to change legislation to allow doctors and nurses to form part of an ambulance crew. Training includes lifting, scene hazard assessment, recognizing deficiencies.

#### H. Hamalainen

- Staffing levels remain stable.
- Following injury, doctor in emergency department advised paramedic to return to work.

## 9.0 Presentation - WSIB

Anthony Grimaldi and Jennifer Cheung provided an update.



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## 10.0 Guidance Notes

Please see attached.



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## 11.0 Next 2024 Meeting Dates:

- September 11 & 12
- November 27 & 28