

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN

BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-25

A BY-LAW TO RATIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE WARDEN AND THE CLERK FOR EXECUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN AND HEADWATERS HEALTH CARE CENTRE. (Dedicated Offload Nursing Program Memorandum of Understanding)

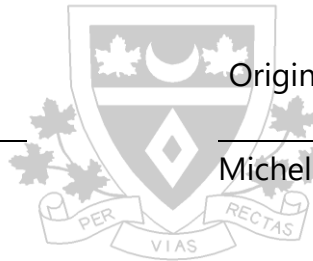
BE IT ENACTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the agreement between the County of Dufferin and Headwaters Health Care Centre, in a form substantially the same as attached hereto as Schedule "A" be approved.
2. That the staff of the County of Dufferin is hereby authorized to take such actions as are appropriate, and the Warden and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute such documents as are appropriate to implement the agreement referred to herein.

READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 26th day of March, 2026.

Original signed by:

Lisa Post, Warden



Original signed by:

Michelle Dunne, Clerk

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING was made on this 1st day of April 2026

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN
(the "County")

and

HEADWATERS HEALTH CARE CENTRE
(the "Hospital")

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health (the "Ministry") has agreed to provide funding (the "funding") to the County on the condition that the Ministry funding is distributed by the County to the hospital to provide support to land ambulance offload delay pressures within emergency departments.

- A. The Ministry requires that the County and hospital enter into an agreement for the distribution of the funding.
- B. The County wishes to distribute the funding in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein and subject to the terms and conditions set out in this MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties to this MOU covenant, promise and agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Memorandum of Understanding:

- 1.1. "MOU" means this Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Hospital.
- 1.2. "Dedicated Ambulance Patient Offload Position" means the Health Care Provider (including a Registered Nurse, Registered Nurse in the extended class, or a Registered Practical Nurse who is registered by the College of Nurses of Ontario; or a physician assistant, or a respiratory therapist registered by the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario; or a person certified as a paramedic; or a person who has completed an Ontario paramedic training program or has been deemed equivalent by the Director, received the Advanced Emergency Medical Care Assistant (AEMCA) certificate, receives delegation from an emergency department physician to perform tasks and procedures under a medical directive.

- 1.3. "Offload Funding" means the funding provided by the Ministry to support the Dedicated Ambulance Patient Offload Position(s) at the Hospital for the maintenance and provision of Offload Nursing Service(s).
- 1.4. "Paramedic" means a duly qualified paramedic who is certified as a paramedic in the province of Ontario.
- 1.5. "Patients" means patient(s) whose care has been transferred from the Paramedic to the Dedicated Ambulance Patient Offload Position.
- 1.6. "Parties" means the County and the Hospital.
- 1.7. "Party" means either the County or the Hospital.
- 1.8. "Project" means the undertaking by the Hospital to provide Dedicated Ambulance Patient Offload Position(s) to reduce offload delay in its Emergency Department.
- 1.9. "Program" means the undertaking described in Schedule "A."
- 1.10. "Dufferin County Paramedic Service" means the Paramedic Services providing service to the County of Dufferin and operated by Headwaters Health Care Centre.
- 1.11. "Ambulance Patient Offload Services" are those services provided by the Dedicated Ambulance Patient Offload Position as set out in the attached Schedule "A."

2. TERM

- 2.1. This MOU shall be effective as of the date first written above and run until March 31, 2027 (the "Initial Term").
- 2.2. The term of this MOU will automatically renew for additional one-year term if funding is approved through annual budget proposals to the Ministry.
- 2.3. This MOU shall be terminated immediately by the County if the County does not receive Offload Funding from the Ministry for the project.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY

- 3.1. The County shall provide Offload Funding to the Hospital, which shall be used by the Hospital to provide and maintain a designated Dedicated Ambulance Patient Offload Position to accept care of patients brought to its emergency by Paramedics for medical treatment. The Offload Funding paid by the County to the Hospital is contingent upon the County receiving the appropriate funding from the Ministry for the reduction of offload delays. The amount of Offload Funding to be provided from the County to the Hospital shall be determined