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Saskatchewan Health Authority

**RE: Emergency Medical Services in Strasbourg**

To whom it may concern:

The Town of Strasbourg Council wishes to lend our support for our local ambulance group, Strasbourg EMS. It is concerning to us that they do not have a current contract signed with the Saskatchewan Health Authority and that their contract may not be renewed in the future. This would be an absolute detriment to the community and surrounding area.

Strasbourg is a growing community, along with several resort communities, villages, and rural municipalities, all of which have seen significant growth over the last few years. Strasbourg EMS provides services to a growing area, and as such, have expanded their fleet themselves. If we were to lose Strasbourg EMS, our next closest emergency medical services providers would be a minimum of one (1) hour away in all directions. One of the benefits of living within our community is the access to excellent health care services, especially for an aging population. Our ambulance service plays a huge part in the success of the health care in the area.

Not only does Strasbourg EMS provide live-saving services to Strasbourg and the area, they contribute greatly to community through many other avenues. Strasbourg EMS is instrumental in fundraising for local initiatives, providing donations to community groups, hosting education seminars for the school, training for first responders, free CPR training, acquisition and installation of AED machines around the community, and lately, new community paramedicine with the local senior's home. As Council, we consider these services just as vital as the paramedic services they normally provide.

We hope that the Saskatchewan Health Authority can see the importance and value in the service that our local EMS provides, and that not renewing the contract with the Strasbourg EMS would be a large disservice to our community and surrounding area.

Yours truly,

Kelvin Schapansky, Mayor  
Town of Strasbourg