May 24, 2006

Letter of Non Confidence

We the undersigned Paramedics unequivocally state our lack of confidence in HEMS management’s ability to address and correct the ongoing concerns of ambulance response times and vehicle shortages.

HEMS management hides behind rhetoric, statistics and blame, to justify ongoing ambulance shortages, rather than listening to the front line workers and citizens of Hamilton. Demands on the Ambulance service exist today that were not contemplated when the City took over the provision of land ambulance in August of 2000.

We the undersigned ask Council too immediately;
1. provide funding to upgrade all front line single response units to transport units
2. provide funding to place 24hr transport ambulances in the following locations;
   - Emergency Services Headquarters located in Stoney Creek
   - Emergency Services station located on Woodward Ave
   - Emergency Services station located on Upper Ottawa
   - Emergency Services station located on Upper Wellington
   - Emergency Services station located on Wentworth St.
   - Emergency Services station located on Ray St.
3. hold consultation processes with all stakeholders, including; HEMS management, Paramedic representatives, concerned citizens (citizen groups) and Ambulance Dispatch representatives (Management and Worker representatives).

The City of Hamilton owes it to its citizens, that when an ambulance is required, they are available without delays, excuses or band aid solutions.