

# TAB 4



**CITY OF PORT COLBORNE  
TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET  
HEALTHCARE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT FROM THE  
YOUTH AND EDUCATION  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

## **RESPONSE FROM THE YOUTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

1)

There are presently 2100 secondary school students and 1000 elementary students in the City of Port Colborne. Within this population of students, there is added activity and pressure placed on emergency services.

2)

Anaphylactic Reactions: We have students that have life threatening reactions at our school. (bee stings, peanuts) These students have a 15-20 minute window to get medical attention after their epi-pen has been administered. If our emergency room and hospital is closed the closest care centre would be Welland, We fear that transporting a child to Welland hospital would fall outside of this time frame and our students' lives would be endangered. Currently it would take approx 7-10 minutes to transport a student to the Port Colborne Hospital. Transporting a student to the Welland site would take 15-20 minutes minimum from the east side of Port Colborne.

3)

Undo Stress to Our Students: Many of the parents within our school community do not have access to an automobile. If a parent, grandparent etc. were to be hospitalized many of our students and their family would experience hardship in not being able to visit loved ones. This would cause a great deal of stress for the family and our students would bring these hardships and stresses to school. We are concerned that this would have a negative impact on their education.