

Paramedics ride 525K to commemorate lives lost

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MANITOULIN—Four Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) paramedics rode their bikes 525km from Toronto to Ottawa raising funds to construct a monument in the nation's capital to commemorate those paramedics who have lost their lives in the line-of-duty.

Jennifer Hamilton, the DSB's original rider, was joined this year by Valerie Breen, Peter Finlay and Tony Staalstra, along with pit team member Sherri Chopra, who raised \$1,235 for the Canadian Paramedic Memorial Foundation.

According to the Paramedic Ride website, the memorial monument will be a special place where family, friends and colleagues can remember their loved ones and honour the dedication and sacrifice of all Canadian paramedics who have lost their lives.

The 2018 edition of the Paramedic Ride ran from September 14 to 17 in Ontario and Quebec, with similar events being held in British Columbia, New Brunswick and Alberta earlier this year.

Leslie Gamble, mayor of Sables-Spanish River and chair of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Board for the efforts of all paramedics, and specifically the outstanding way that these five Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB paramedics represented their profession and our communities.

Anyone wishing to learn more or to donate to the Paramedic Ride can find out more at www.paramedicride.ca.