



Exhibition Place

Item No. 2

NOTICE OF MOTION – BOARD OF GOVERNORS

RECOGNITION OF EXHIBITION PLACE SECURITY OFFICERS – ERIN LYNCH, STEPHANIE KAY AND FERNAND GRUPE FOR THEIR HEROIC ACTIONS IN SAVING A LIFE

Moved by Mark Grimes, Chair and seconded by Jim McMillen, Vice-Chair, that Members of the Board of Governors unanimously recognize, applaud and acknowledge Security Officers – Erin Lynch, Stephanie Kay and Fernand Grupe, for their quick reaction and response to a medical call at BMO Field on March 7, 2011, wherein an individual who suffered a heart attack, was saved.

Summary:

Erin Lynch without hesitation assessed and commenced Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and Public Access Defibrillation to the individual who was suffering the heart attack.

Stephanie Kay remained in contact with the Emergency Services dispatch both forwarding pertinent information to them and receiving information to provide to staff throughout the emergency; awaited the arrival of the emergency services personnel and escorted them to the scene thereby reducing the response time.

Fernand Grupe remained in contact with the Emergency Services dispatch both forwarding pertinent information to them and receiving information to provide to the responding staff.

As a result of the quick reaction and the response of the foregoing Exhibition Place Security Officers, in cooperation with the other responders, the situation resulted in the successful resuscitation of the individual and overall resulted in a “save”. In doing this, these Officers have not only shown a positive reflection of Exhibition Place but have demonstrated the level of dedication and professionalism that our Security Services prides itself in.

Comments:

For the information of the Board, the following media release was circulated by the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

“Toronto, March 11, 2011 - A fortunate citizen is alive today thanks to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario (HSFO) and Toronto EMS Cardiac Safe City Public Access Defibrillator Program.

The person collapsed at BMO Field on the morning of March 7. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was used by Erin Lynch and assisted by Stephanie Kay and Fernand Grupe who had been trained by Toronto EMS in the use of the device as part of the Cardiac Safe City program. They provided emergency care until the Paramedics arrived. The patient responded to treatment and Toronto EMS's Advanced Care Paramedics ultimately ended up transporting the patient to a local hospital.

"Although AEDs are simple for any bystander to use, in this case it was people who had taken training through our Toronto EMS Safe City Program," says Toronto EMS Chief Paul Raftis. "With their training and willingness to help they started the chain of events to make this a success story".

The placement of the AED and training of the staff were the result of the Heart & Stroke Restart a Heart, a Life program and the Heart & Stroke Chase McEachern Tribute Fund and our partnership with the Toronto EMS Cardiac Safe City Public Access Defibrillator Program which has helped placed 257 AEDs in public venues across the City of Toronto.

"Thanks to our partners, we have already been able to place more than 2,600 AEDs in communities across the province," says David Sculthorpe, CEO of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario. "With the help of individuals, community groups and funding partners, one day, life-saving AEDs will become as commonplace as fire extinguishers in Ontario." Knowing that there have now been 29 lives saved in Ontario to date is truly an honour to the legacy of Chase's dream," says his father, John McEachern. Chase passed away in 2006.

Research shows that up to 85 per cent of cardiac arrests occur at home or in public places and almost half are witnessed by a family member or friend. In Ontario alone, approximately 7,000 cardiac arrests occur every year. The survival rate of victims for an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is less than five per cent. However, the use of an AED with CPR before the arrival of Emergency Medical Services can increase the chance of survival by up to 75 per cent."