

## **Annual Grant - St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch**

*(City Council on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)*

**The Community Services Committee recommends the adoption of the following report (November 16, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services:**

### Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek authorization to grant St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch, the sum of \$29,000.00.

### Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

The financial implications associated with the annual grant is limited to the sum of \$29,000.00.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve the sum of \$29,000.00 as the annual grant to St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be given authority to give effect thereto.

### Background:

The City of Toronto and the former Metropolitan Toronto Council have supported St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch, through the provision of an annual grant and through a relationship established with its ambulance service.

Volunteers from St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch, augment our professional emergency medical services system by providing first aid services during large public events and community activities as well as supporting the principle of public involvement through the many first aid and cardio pulmonary resuscitation training programs offered to the public.

On an annual basis, St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch, provides over 90,000 hours of first aid services to the community ensuring prompt and efficient first responder medical aid. These services are in part co-ordinated through Toronto Ambulance at events such as the CNE, National Trade Centre events, Caribana, Molson Indy, street festivals, and a wide variety of local community events.

### Comments:

St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch, is a volunteer agency reliant on donations and grants. The former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and the new City of Toronto has supported this organization with grants and has donated used ambulance vehicles to St. John Ambulance.

In a continuing effort to assist St. John Ambulance, and to enable them to continue their valuable community service, Toronto Ambulance is seeking approval to provide St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch, with a grant of \$29,000.00.

Conclusion:

The ability of St. John Ambulance to continue to provide community first aid services to the City of Toronto will ensure the availability of on-site, first aid response for those events generally not serviced by Toronto Ambulance.

The continuing support of this agency, through both the annual grant and transfer of surplus assets such as ambulance vehicles, supports the principle of promoting safety within our community and recognizes the spirit of volunteerism.

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