



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Consideration Of A New Location For A Child Safety Car Restraints Program

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SUMMARY

This report responds to the Community Development and Recreation Committee's request to examine the possibility of a new Child Safety Car Restraints Program at the new Leslie/Sheppard fire station. The fire station is not operational as the main water line is not connected. Currently, the Toronto Fire Services pilot program to install child safety car restraints is on a monthly basis in the East, South, North, and West commands. Toronto Fire Services will provide a comprehensive review following the one year pilot in 2008.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on May 23, 24 and 25, 2007, City Council authorized Fire Services to offer a program that assists citizens in the proper installation of Child Safety Car Restraints on a monthly basis in the East, South, North and West commands. The pilot program was to commence in September 2007 and a review of the program be reported to the Community Development and Recreation Committee following the one year pilot. <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3271.pdf>

Community Development and Recreation Committee at its May 7, 2007 meeting, requested the Fire Chief to report in the Fall of 2007 on providing a similar program at the new Leslie/Sheppard fire station. Further, the Committee requested Fire Services to

report back in the Fall of 2008 with a review of the program and consideration of the fire station at Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue West as a site for the program.

ISSUES BACKGROUND

There is a request to implement an additional new location. The following locations for the pilot program were chosen to assist with the safe administration of the program. The locations are in the North Command Fire Station 121, 10 William Carson Cr. (South of Yonge & 401). In the South Command at Fire Station 321, 231 McRae Dr. (East of Laird Dr.). In the East Command at the Scarborough Fire Museum, 351 Birchmount Rd. (North of Danforth Rd.). In the West Command at Station 423, 358 Keele St. (South of Dundas). The car seat clinic will be held the first week of every month in the East Command, second week of every month in the West Command, the third week of every month in the North command and the fourth week of every month in the South Command.

COMMENTS

The one year Toronto Fire Services pilot program will commence in November 2007. Fire Services staff have been involved in car seat clinics in September and October 2007 to develop their skills and to assist with certification. The four Fire Services locations were chosen strategically to service the East, West, North and South areas of the city based on proximity to residential areas and space to assist with the safe administration of the program. The locations have the available parking area to assist with the installation and the required space for citizens waiting to have the car seats checked.

Consideration Of A New Location

A review of the Leslie/Sheppard fire station at this time may not be the ideal location because of the potentially high level of emergency vehicle traffic and limited parking in this area for program participants and their children. There is also a high level of large truck traffic in this area. Further, the Leslie/Sheppard fire station is not fully constructed and operational. Toronto Fire Services would suggest that we complete the pilot project and report back in 2008 on the results of the project.

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