



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Take Our Kids to Work Day

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To:	Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services
From:	General Manager, Long-Term Care Homes and Services
Ward:	All
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SUMMARY

On Wednesday, November 5, 2008, forty-three (43) grade nine students were hosted at nine (9) Long-Term Care Homes and Services work sites as part of the national Take Our Kids to Work Day program.

Each year, the City of Toronto encourages employees to bring a grade nine student to their workplace. Students were registered with the City's Human Resources Division and parents/guardians/hosts received advanced signed permission from their supervisor.

Particular to the Home workplace environment, specific precautions were stated at the outset to ensure the health and safety of the visiting grade nine students and to protect the privacy of each resident.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to the Long-Term Care Homes and Services operating budget arising from participation in Take Our Kids to Work Day.

DECISION HISTORY

Take Our Kids to Work Day illustrates the importance of education, skills development and training, while giving students the opportunity to experience the world of work and the variety of career opportunities that await them.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

2008 marked the 14th annual Take our Kids to Work Day event. The focus was to give grade nine students exposure to some of the wide range of eventual career opportunities in the Toronto Public Service and to learn about local government.

There was also a volunteer host component whereby students from priority neighbourhoods were linked with City staff for the day; one LTC manager was involved and spent the day with a student from Northview Heights.

COMMENTS

The day began for some at City Hall in the Council Chamber (or by watching the live feed on close circuit televisions in Civic Centres and at Metro Hall) with guest speakers including Mayor David Miller, Councillor Chin Lee, City Manager Joe Pennachetti and other speakers from Fleet Services, City Planning and Human Resources.

In the Homes, mini orientation sessions were held to provide safety information, an overview of long-term care and tour of the home. Lunch was arranged, and for most participants, the afternoon involved the opportunity to shadow resident activities like crafts, bingo, sing a long and movies.

Each student was asked to complete an online survey. Early feedback from the site coordinators, participating students and parents/guardians has been very positive; overall, it was a most enjoyable experience providing valuable insight to students into the work of their hosts. For the residents, friendly new faces and the energy of the high school students was most welcome.

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