

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM24.4	ACTION			Ward:All
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Defibrillators in Public Buildings - by Councillor Janet Davis, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Government Management Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Janet Davis, seconded by Councillor Pam McConnell, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Executive Director, Facilities Management, in consultation with the Chief, Emergency Medical Services and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to report to the Government Management Committee on the inventory, policy and procedures related to the placement and maintenance of defibrillators in City facilities.

Summary

Recently, the CBC released a report about defibrillators in public buildings. They obtained 562 reports from Health Canada for the period 2007 to 2012 about incidents with defibrillators. The reports revealed that in 102 cases the devices would not power on or turned off unexpectedly. In 78 cases the device did not charge or deliver a shock. Nine patients died.

Health Canada licenses defibrillators but does not monitor the devices to ensure they are in working order. Maintaining the devices is the responsibility of the owner of the property where defibrillators are placed. Appropriate maintenance includes testing and replacing batteries on a regular basis.

Manitoba has passed legislation to make registering and maintaining defibrillators mandatory.

The City of Toronto, through a partnership with Emergency Medical Services, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and others, has installed defibrillators in many public buildings, particularly civic centres, arenas and community centres.

To reassure City Council that all defibrillators in City facilities are in working order, we are requesting that City staff report to the Government Management Committee on the protocols that are in place to ensure the monitoring and maintenance of all defibrillators on City property.

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Background Information (City Council)

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