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TAB: PROPERTY AND FACILITIES
SECTION: USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY
SUBJECT: USE OF FIRE STATIONS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

POLICY STATEMENT Fire stations may be used to assist community groups and public-safety organizations with special projects of benefit to the residents of the City of Mississauga provided the project does not interfere with safe and efficient operations.

EXCEPTION The City of Mississauga endorses the Canadian Red Cross policy that collection of in-kind donations (tents, clothing, medical supplies) to be transported to the region of a natural disaster is not an effective means of providing relief. The City encourages groups interested in disaster relief to contact the Red Cross to discuss alternatives.

APPROVAL All requests are considered by the Fire Chief. Approval is dependent on the following conditions:

- The project will not interfere with the safe, efficient operation of the department.
- The request is submitted in writing at least four weeks in advance of the proposed start date.
- The request is made by a recognized community based charitable organization or public safety organization that can demonstrate, in writing, a plan of action and necessary resources.
- The duration of the project will not exceed two weeks, and daily hours are agreed to by the Fire Chief.
- If the project involves a collection, the requesting group must identify the specific items to be accepted and these must be approved by the Fire Chief.

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Requesting Group

The requesting group must accept responsibility for all logistics and promotion associated with the efficient execution of the project, as determined by the Fire Chief, including the following:

- distribute adequate storage boxes to each fire station at least two days in advance of the project start date;
- ensure that items are picked up daily from each fire station for the duration of the project and, if necessary, weekly for three weeks following the project;
- dispose of any donation which is unsuitable; and
- include the duration, daily hours, and specific project details in all promotional initiatives.

Fire and Emergency Services

When a request is approved the Fire Chief will:

- notify requesting group of its responsibilities;
- notify all fire stations of the project and any special tasks associated with it; and
- notify the Mayor, members of Council and the City Manager of the project.

Communications

The Communications Division of the Corporate Services Department may assist with communication and promotion if deemed appropriate by the Director, Communications.

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For more information, contact Administration, Fire and Emergency Services, Community Services Department.