

## Legislation Text

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### **RECOGNITION OF STAFF FROM WOODS PARK CARE CENTRE FOR THEIR ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH A QUICK RESPONSE TO A FIRE AT THE WOODS PARK CARE CENTRE.**

Mayor Lehman invited Councillor Ward to join him at the podium to recognize the staff from the Woods Park Care Centre for their actions in response to a fire that occurred at the Wood Park Care Centre.

Mayor Lehman advised that on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 the staff at the Woods Park Long Term Care Facility on Lillian Crescent participated in a mandatory simulated fire drill. He indicated that less than 3 hours later after the training, the fire alarm sounded and all staff put their practiced skills into action for a real fire emergency. He provided details regarding the staff members response to the fire and commented about the workers ability to evacuate the residents quickly with confidence and without incident. He indicated that off-duty staff from Woods Park Long Term Care Facility who heard about the fire via social media returned to the facility to offer assistance. Mayor Lehman remarked about how the open communication and support between the staff enabled them to organize the displaced residents. He noted that there no residents were required to be relocated to other buildings and staff implemented a contingency plan to ensure that residents were kept safe and care needs were met.

Mayor Lehman observed that the owner and management of the Woods Park Care Centre understands the importance of training, education, prevention and preparation as it related to being able to provide an effective response to workplace fires. He read comments provided by the Woods Park Care Centre Administrator that detailed the staff working as a team and indicated that although the staff may have been nervous, they moved through the evacuation confidently and ensured the residents were kept comfortable and calm. Mayor Lehman noted that regular fire drills had been held to prepare Woods Park Care Centre employees to respond and that this minimized the impact of the fire to the residents.

The following Woods Park Long Term Care Facility staff were recognized:

- Brandie Ascott
- Jackie Boyce
- Michelle Cain
- Sandra Cardona
- Cathy Cotton
- Teresa Figliuzzi

- Maurice Hayes
- Elizabeth Juneau
- Janet Lambert
- Urmila MacDonald
- Patsy Mimeault
- Marian Tarbett
- Ashley Thompson
- Julie Thompson
- Vanessa Voorburg

Mayor Lehman and Councillor Ward presented certificates to the staff in attendance.

In closing, Mayor Lehman congratulated all the employees for their actions, team work and remaining calm during the situation.