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Meeting Date: May 23, 2013
Regional Council

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DATE: May 9, 2013

REPORT TITLE: **CIVILIAN COMMENDATION FOR SAVING A LIFE**

FROM: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services

OBJECTIVE

To recognize, as part of Paramedic Week, May 19 to 25, 2013, three citizens/employees of the Mississauga YMCA who used CPR and a Public Access Defibrillator to save a life on the morning of March 14, 2013.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Three Mississauga YMCA staff saved a man's life by performing CPR and using a Public Access Defibrillator moments after he went into sudden cardiac arrest.
- Council has had ongoing discussions about the importance of promoting CPR and the use of defibrillators.
- In response to Council direction, a report on the potential Regional role in a public access defibrillator program for Peel will be presented to the Emergency Protective Services Committee on June 20, 2013.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

On March 14, 2013 Peel Regional Paramedic Services (PRPS) attended a call at the Mississauga YMCA. The call was for a male with vital signs absent. Upon arrival, paramedics were escorted to the patient who was breathing unassisted thanks to a lifeguard, trainer and office staff member who performed CPR, used a defibrillator and called 911. The quick actions taken by Susan Babcock, Ryan Hamilton-Miller and Darius Wrathall saved the man's life.

CPR/Public Access Defibrillation

The promotion of learning and performing CPR has been part of ongoing discussion at Council. Over the past few years, Dr. Sheldon Cheskes, Medical Director for PRPS has made a number of Council presentations demonstrating the important role of bystander CPR, particularly to cardiac arrest patients. The Heart and Stroke has also addressed Council about CPR and public access defibrillation. A large component of PRPS' outreach program involves educating the public about the importance of learning and performing CPR, how to perform hands-only CPR and using a public access defibrillator.

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