

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2010

SUBJECT: Presentation - 2009 Sharing the Flame Certificate of Recognition

INFORMATION ITEM

At the February 17, 2010 Commission meeting, the Chair will present a *Keeping the Flame* certificate of recognition on behalf of the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) for our Gatekeeper program in suicide prevention. The Chair will present the certificate to both TTC and our partners in the mental health community. Accepting the certificate will be Paul Maglietta, Superintendent of Rail Transportation Training, John O'Grady, Chief Safety Officer, Rahel Eynan, representing the Chair of Suicide Studies at St. Michael's Hospital who assisted in the program development and evaluation, and Mary Lynn Porto representing Trillium Health Network who delivered the training.

Initiated in 2005, Gatekeeper is the first program of its type in the transit industry. It aims to sensitize and increase awareness among TTC operators and collectors for identifying passengers who appear to be at risk for suicide. Special Constables and Supervisors are given special training in intervention skills to take at-risk passengers to a safe place and connect them to support groups available in the community.

The Canadian Council on Learning selected Gatekeeper for recognition from a field of 12 candidates in the Health and Learning Domain. Program details are posted in the Ideas Book on the CCL website.

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