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Two-Thirds of Torontonians Support Family Day For Members of Toronto Police Service

A poll released today by the Toronto Police Association (TPA) indicates that 66% of Toronto residents find it “unfair” that the TPA are not given “Family Day” on February 18, 2008.*

“Toronto Police Association members have earned the right to be treated fairly and equitably by the Police Services Board – its employer,” said Dave Wilson, president, TPA. “Despite the daily risks assumed by TPA members in the Service of this city, the holiday is being denied to our membership by the PSB – a decision that goes against the opinions of a clear majority of Toronto citizens.”

On December 13, 2007, City Council approved Family Day as a statutory holiday for all city employees, including firefighters, ambulance staff, and all inside and outside workers. Yet, in a closed door meeting on December 19, 2007, the Police Services Board voted to deny Family Day to employees of the Police Service.

Toronto Library, Housing and Parking Authority employees will also enjoy the holiday together with employees of Toronto Hydro and all support staff and teachers at the Toronto Board of Education.

Wilson added, “Our members are not being treated fairly. As the key member of the Police Services Board, it is now time for Mayor Miller to listen to the opinion of Toronto citizens and ensure that members of the Toronto Police Service are not singled-out for unfair differential treatment.”

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** This survey question was asked as part of our City Issues Poll. When informed that the City had “announced that Family Day will be offered to all city workers except Toronto police”, 66% of respondents thought this was either very (30%) or somewhat (36%) unfair, and 33% thought it was either very (10%) or somewhat (24%) fair. The online survey was conducted on behalf of the TPA by Angus Reid Strategies from January 14-16, 2008 among a randomly selected, representative sample of 615 adult Torontonians. The margin of error for the total sample is +/- 4.0%, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, and gender Census data to ensure a sample of that accurately reflects the entire adult population of Toronto.*

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