



Legislation Text

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RECOGNITION OF STEVE GARVIE FOR HIS EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO KEEPING THE CITY OF BARRIE BEAUTIFUL

Mayor Lehman recognized an outstanding individual, Mr. Steve Garvie for his efforts and contributions to the community. Mayor Lehman asked that Councillor Shipley approach the podium for the recognition.

Mayor Lehman explained the efforts and dedication that Mr. Garvie contributes to keeping the City of Barrie beautiful. He commented that Mr. Garvie was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) almost 20 years ago, and despite his challenges he has driven his electric scooter through the City, rain or shine to pick up garbage and keep our City clean. Mayor Lehman noted that he has seen Mr. Garvie out on Bayfield Street and how remarkable it is that he is able to do it all from a scooter.

Councillor Shipley explained the pleasure of introducing Mr. Garvie, and noted that he has also seen him around the City cleaning up garbage. Councillor Shipley advised that he has received a number of emails from members of the community asking that Mr. Garvie be recognized for his efforts and dedication to the community. Councillor Shipley commented on the positive outlook Mr. Garvie has after hearing his story, his health concerns and Mr. Garvie want to give back to the community using his own garbage bags and garbage tags. Councillor Shipley mentioned an unfortunate accident when Mr. Garvie had been hit by a car resulting in serious injuries and his scooter being written off and yet, his dedication and determination to give back to the community Mr. Garvie continue to pick up garbage as much as his health will permit. Councillor Shipley expressed that Mr. Garvie makes him proud that he lives in the City of Barrie.

Mayor Lehman provided Mr. Garvie with a Certificate recognizing his contributions and dedication to the City and thanked him for how much he does to keep the City clean.

Mr. Garvie thanked the City of Barrie, Royal Victoria Health Centre (RVH), and a Dr. Sandy McDonald. He provided an overview on the surgery he received to assist with his Multiple Sclerosis (MS) that has allowed him a better quality of life. Mr. Garvie commented that his goal is to give what he can give and what he can give is 3 - 5 hours a day to pick up garbage and making the City look the way it should in the first place.