

## Legislation Text

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### **PRESENTATION TO THE RECIPIENT OF THE ROBERT KERR ACCESSIBILITY AWARD**

Shawn Bubel presented Margareta Papp-Belayneh with the Robert Kerr Accessibility Award on behalf of MP Patrick Brown. He noted that the award recognizes an individual, business or organization that fosters an environment of equal participation by recognizing outstanding accomplishments which result in equal opportunities for persons with disabilities in Barrie.

Mr. Bubel presented a video of MP Brown describing Ms. Papp-Belayneh's achievements and contributions to the increasing awareness of accessibility matters in the community. He described her as a force in the community. Mr. Bubel read aloud a letter to Ms. Papp-Belayneh from Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada recognizing her positive impact related to social change.

John Tom of MEDlchair recognized the son and daughter of the late Robert Kerr and acknowledged the nominating committee. He presented Ms. Papp-Belayneh with a commemorative plaque and \$500 cheque.

In accepting the award, Ms. Papp-Belayneh noted that she feels honoured having worked with Robert Kerr and stated that she feels that Barrie is a very accessible community. She commented that she is keenly interested in promoting information and public awareness related to accessibility matters. Ms. Papp-Belayneh explained that she volunteers with accessibility committees for the Royal Victoria Hospital, Town of Innisfil, County of Simcoe, the Simcoe County District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and the City of Barrie. She thanked the nominating committee for selecting her for the award.

Mayor Lehman congratulated Ms. Papp-Belayneh on behalf of City Council for her service to the City and stated that she was a very deserving recipient of the award.