



Legislation Text

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RECOGNITION OF MAJOR STEPHANIE WATKINSON OF THE SALVATION ARMY BARRIE BAYSIDE MISSION CENTRE.

Mayor Lehman recognized Major Stephanie Watkinson, Executive Director of the Salvation Army Barrie Bayside Mission Centre who will be leaving Barrie after over 4 years to work as a Core Officer at the North Bay Salvation Army.

He highlighted Major Watkinson responsibilities at the Bayside mission, including overseeing the men's temporary emergency shelter for 26 men who are 21 years and older experiencing homelessness providing them referrals to treatment programs, life skills management, goal planning, aftercare supports. He also noted that in addition to the shelter, she oversaw family services including access to family services workers, and managed the Community Meal Program which serves lunch and dinner 7 days a week.

Mayor Lehman described that she was instrumental in organizing support for individuals in the coordination of donations of food and supplies who were impacted by the July 15, 2021, tornado on behalf of the City.

Chief Mainprize acknowledged Major Watkinson for her dedication and contributions to the community and particularity for her leadership during the July 15, 2021 tornado. Chief Mainprize presented her with a plaque.

Mayor Lehman presented Major Watkinson with a gift on behalf of the City of Barrie as a token of appreciation for her compassion and contribution to the community, and the Salvation Army Barrie Bayside Mission Centre.

She thanked everyone for the recognition and remarked that the City of Barrie is a wonderful community