

# TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

**MEETING DATE:** December 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:** CUTA AWARDS PRESENTATION

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Commission receive this report for information, noting that Michael Roschlau, President & CEO of the Canadian Urban Transit Association will be presenting the TTC with the CUTA's National Transit Employee Recognition Award that was recently received by the Commission from the Canadian Urban Transit Association during their Fall Conference in Windsor, Ontario in November.

### **BACKGROUND**

The nomination submitted by the TTC to receive CUTA's National Transit Employee Recognition Award for 2008 was selected by the Awards Sub-Committee. Five Greenwood Carhouse employees assisted in reporting and extinguishing a fire in a house located across the street from their carhouse. These employees have been recognized for this award.

### **DISCUSSION**

On May 3, 2007, at 9:00 p.m., Greenwood Carhouse employee Murray Aldred reported a house fire across the street from Greenwood Carhouse. Foreperson Larry Headley called Transit Control to report the fire. On duty carhouse employees went across the street and extinguished the fire. Flames and smoke were coming from the porch of the house. The fire was extinguished safely. Toronto Fire and Toronto Police later attended and reported that they believed the fire had been set deliberately. No one was home at the time of the fire. These employees prevented a far worse situation. Their efforts and teamwork is truly commendable and heroic. The five carhouse employees are Larry Headley, Murray Aldred, Michael Desanto, Michelle Baird and Argiri Zorbas. A summary of the award is attached for information.

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Attachment – Award Information

**LARRY HEADLEY, MURRAY ALDRED, MICHAEL DESANTO, MICHELLE BAIRD AND ARGIRI ZORBAS - TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION**

*House Fire - Greenwood Carhouse Employees*



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later attended and it is believed that the fire was set deliberately by someone. There was no one home at the time of the fire. These employees definitely prevented a far worse situation from happening. The efforts and teamwork of these employees are truly commendable and heroic. The five Greenwood Carhouse employees were Larry Headley, Murray Aldred, Michael Desanto, Michelle Baird, and Argiri Zorbias.