# TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2010

SUBJECT: AWARD OF MERIT PRESENTATION – DRAFTSPERSON

**BALVINDER BUDWAL, COLLECTORS CHANDER BHATTA AND** 

**EDWARD YASNEY** 

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

#### RECOMMENDATION

Chair Adam Giambrone will present an Award of Merit to Draftsperson Balvinder Budwal, Collector Chander Bhatta and Collector Edward Yasney at the February 17<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

### **FUNDING**

There are no funding requirements.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On October 29, 2009, at 2:20 p.m., Design Draftsperson Balvinder Budwal was standing on the subway platform at Islington station, on his way home, when he observed what appeared to be a woman in emotional distress. Balvinder approached the woman and offered assistance; the woman declined and moved away from Balvinder to the east end of the westbound platform. Balvinder immediately went to the Collectors booth and advised Collectors Chander Bhatta and Edward Yasney of the situation. All three then returned to the platform and found the woman standing near the edge of the platform. Immediately Chander and Edward positioned themselves beside the woman and just as the next train was entering into the station the woman tried to jump in front of the train. Chander and Edward were successful in preventing the woman from jumping to the tracks. All three stayed with the woman and comforted her until emergency personnel arrived on the scene and took her into custody. The woman was later transported to hospital.

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