



Legislation Text

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RECOGNITION OF EFFORTS AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE COMMUNITY CONCERNING THE FIRE AT 100 LITTLE AVENUE ON APRIL 23, 2018.

Mayor Lehman provided background on the significance of the Award of Merit and he indicated that it is reserved to recognize significant live saving actions undertaken by citizens. He described the life-saving actions of Halie Thomas, Cordell Bell, Rory Bell and Christopher Cobb on April 23, 2018, including going back into the building to rescue those who needed help. Mayor Lehman recognized the staff from Barrie Fire and Emergency Services, Barrie Police Service, Barrie Transit, Barrie Housing, Recreation Services, Water Services Departments, Simcoe County Social Services and Simcoe Paramedic Services. He remarked on how all services worked together to provide immediate assistance to the victims and address the longer term needs associated with the loss of housing and all possessions.

Mayor Lehman acknowledged the contributions from community organizations and citizens for fundraising campaigns to support the victims and the many donations that filled the City Hall Rotunda many times over. Mayor Lehman commented that tonight is just one of the recognitions that will take place for those who contributed time, funding and efforts.

Mayor Lehman presented Halie, Thomas, Cordell Bell, Rory Bell and Christopher Cobb with the Award of Merit for their live saving efforts on April 23 during the major fire at 100 Little Avenue. He thanked them for their heroic actions and remarked how the community is grateful and stronger with the care, compassion and bravery they demonstrated.