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Toronto REALTORS® Demonstrate Importance of Working Together

TORONTO, June 19, 2007 - REALTORS® are skilled at bringing people together, and that is exactly what they did during the Toronto Real Estate Board's *Civic Connections: Working Together* reception, which featured a keynote address by Dr. David Suzuki. The recent event also included the presentation of a political contribution award to City of Toronto Councillor Michael Feldman, and the presentation of scholarships to two exceptional students.

"In their line of work, REALTORS® are always bringing people together. The Toronto Real Estate Board wanted to take this a step further and bring together political and community leaders to foster the relationships that will help us all to meet the challenges that we face," said Dorothy Mason, President of the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB).

The event featured a keynote address by internationally renowned scientist, environmentalist, and broadcaster, Dr. David Suzuki. Politicians, civil servants, and REALTORS® from TREB's Board of Directors and Government Relations Committee heard how they can work together to address environmental concerns. Dignitaries in attendance included GTA Mayors, Toronto City Councillors, GTA Councillors, MPPs, Municipal City Managers, and a GTA fire chief.

"No issue needs us all to work together more than the environment and nobody articulates this better than Dr. Suzuki. His passionate address illustrated the need for the public and elected officials to think about their actions on a global scale," said Mason.

The Toronto Real Estate Board also took the opportunity to recognize the efforts of City of Toronto Councillor Michael Feldman by awarding him TREB's first ever Political Contribution Award.

"On countless occasions, Councillor Feldman has demonstrated what can be achieved when we work together. His contributions to the City of Toronto, and to the advancement of the real estate industry in the Greater Toronto Area through his work in the private and public sectors is unsurpassed. TREB is proud to present him with this award," Mason said.

Also for the first time, two \$5,000 TREB Past President's scholarships were presented to two GTA graduating high school students planning to continue their education. TREB Past President John W. Meehan presented Rachel Johnston of University of Toronto Schools with an award for her 500-word essay on "The environmentally friendly home of the future." Adam Kahn of Thornhill Secondary School was honoured for his essay addressing the question, "Should property rights be enshrined in the Canadian Constitution?"

"These scholarships help re-affirm the importance that REALTORS® place on continuing education," said Mason.

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