

STREET NAMED IN HONOUR OF LATE GREG TRIZISKY, CBCO, CRBO, CPSO, WETT

A rare man deserves exceptional recognition. Greg Trizisky, who passed away in May 2018 from a heart attack, was an invaluable asset to the Township of North Dundas, where he worked as Chief Building Official for 16 years, and before that at Augusta Township and Port Hope.

Greg was a highly respected man locally and amongst his colleagues at the Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA). He actively studied the Ontario Building Code and stuck to his guns when it came to following the Code.

Greg was so esteemed that the owner of a local engineering firm, William (Bill) Kollaard of Kollaard Associates Inc., decided to name a street after him in a new subdivision being built in Hallville. Trizisky Street will be located in Silver Creek Estates, which is currently under construction. Bill points out that Trizisky was keen on safe design and construction, and he was respected by local engineers and designers. “He loved to research new products on the market for their approval in North Dundas.”

Calvin Pol, North Dundas’s Director of Planning, Building and By-law Enforcement, says that he’s never heard of a chief building official in Ontario being honoured with a street naming, which speaks to Greg’s character. He explains that Greg was inquisitive and helpful, always willing to guide people to where they needed to be in order to move forward with their project. One example is when Greg worked with the designers

and builders of a business in downtown Winchester to make it wheelchair accessible. He came up with the idea to create an indented entryway that would enable wheelchairs to turn around. “That was just the type of person Greg was — creative and resourceful,” notes Calvin.

Norm Allen, Deputy Chief Building Official for the City of Ottawa, met Greg through the OBOA, and they became good friends who relied on one another as sounding boards. “We had a lot of chats late in the day when we would call to discuss questions that had come up,” explains Norm. “He was a great friend, great father...I can’t say enough about the guy. He’s definitely missed.”

Norm notes that the Golden Triangle Chapter of the OBOA created a bursary fund in memory of Greg. It’s earmarked for people studying to become building officials and the children of current chapter members.

The Bill Henderson Award is the most prestigious award any OBOA member can attain. Greg was the 2018 recipient, with the award granted posthumously to his wife, Fiona, and daughters, Erin and Mallory. Greg didn’t like the limelight, but it shone on him anyway.

On May 31, 2022, the North Dundas Council hosted a ceremony honouring Greg and his family with a street sign and a tree planted outside the Township office (see Images 2 and 4). The Golden Triangle Chapter of the OBOA recently recognized Greg at the last meeting (see Image 3).

Image 1: Greg Trizisky at a North Dundas building information event.



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Image 2: North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser presenting a street name sign to Greg's wife, Fiona.



Image 3: Golden Triangle Chapter meeting on May 25, 2022.



Image 4: Tree planted in Greg Trizisky's honour.