



BETTY BISS

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**Former
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trustee
honored**

Betty Biss came home late Sunday from a Kenyan safari but she bagged the biggest prize of all on her return to Mississauga.

Biss, who served as a trustee on the Dufferin-Peel Separate School Board for 14 years, has won the award of merit from the Ontario Separate School Trustees' Association.

"I'm very thrilled. It's quite overwhelming," Biss said Monday on being informed of the award. She said it was a particular honor because the only other local trustee who has ever won the award was Alf Thompson of Clarkson, a veteran trustee who died last year.

Biss served as Ward 4 trustee for eight years before being defeated in the 1982 municipal election. She previously represented Ward 1 and was first elected when trustees ran at large across the city.

The Dufferin-Peel board nominated

Biss for the award which will be presented to her Sunday, April 21, during the provincial Catholic trustees' association annual convention in Toronto.

She was the chairperson of the committee that initiated junior kindergarten programs in 1976. She also chaired the committee that introduced Grades 9 and 10 to the Dufferin-Peel board in 1970-71.

She served for many years on the board of Peel Family Services.

While she was a trustee, Biss organized community volunteers to work with children with learning disabilities, and problems with English, before special education programs came into being.

The registered nurse is the mother of five children.

Asked if she will seek election to the Catholic board again this fall, Biss says it is a "little premature" to discuss that yet.