

City honours councillor

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The Cawthra Park Community Centre has been renamed to honour former city councillor Carmen Corbasson.

Community centre renamed for Corbasson

"There are two ways to get a building named after you," Sebastion Patrizio, Corbasson's life partner, told a packed gymnasium at the facility during a touching ceremony

held Saturday afternoon. "One is to buy it and the other is to earn it."

Corbasson, the former Ward 1 councillor who died in March,

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definitely earned the honour, said Patrizio.

"She was not only a phenomenal councillor, but a phenomenal human being, and I think that came across with her dealings with the residents of her ward," he told *The News* prior to the ceremony.

Corbasson's daughter, Lisa Mahood, said she's proud of her mother, who undoubtedly would have been humbled by the honour.

"I am very proud of my mother and I think that she would say that everyone is just making too much of a fuss ... even though we all know that it's so well-deserved," said Mahood.

Corbasson's other daughter, Julie Carreiro, said she wished that her mother was alive to see her name on the building.

"Our whole family is proud and this is such a memorable event," said Carreiro.

Both Carreiro and Mahood are excited to bring their young children to the community centre that will bear their grandmother's name for years to come.

Mayor Hazel McCallion and Ward 1 Councillor Jim Tovey, who hosted the ceremony, spoke highly of Corbasson's contribution to the community and her regard for residents.

Mississauga South MP Stella Ambler also named Corbasson a posthumous recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal for her dedicated service. It was accepted by Corbasson's daughters.

Newly-named Peel Regional Police Chief Jennifer Evans was also in attendance.

"I knew Carmen while I was an inspector at 12 Division and she was such a positive force in the community," said Evans.

Carmen Corbasson was Ward 1's councillor for 16 years up until 2010. She died on March 10 from complications during surgery.

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Carmen Corbasson