

GO Transit's Lou Parsons receives honor

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GO Transit chairman Lou Parsons of Mississauga has been named Ontario Transportation Person of the Year for 1993.

A three-term chairman of Peel Region, Parsons has built an international reputation in the ground transportation field since he was a founding member of the GO Transit board in 1974.

He was appointed chairman of the Government of Ontario inter-regional passenger transportation network in greater Metro Toronto in August 1980, after serving as vice-chairman until 1979.

"It's an honor I appreciate, one that really reflects the work done by many people to make the GO Transit system among the finest in the world," Parsons said.

The award was announced this week by Victor Deyglio, provincial awards committee chairman for the Canadian Professional Logistics Institute.

Deyglio said the announcement of Parsons' award coincides with the celebration of National Transportation Week. The award will be presented June 8 at the Ontario committee's annual NTW breakfast in Toronto.

Since becoming GO Transit chairman, Parsons has been recognized for his work in transportation by a variety of national and international organizations.

He is a director of the Canadian Urban Transit Association and past chair of the American Public Transit Association.

The U.S. Congress has appointed him to the board of the International Institute of Surface Transportation Policy Studies and last October Parsons was named to the management committee of the International Union of Public Transit.

Elected to the then town of Mississauga council in 1967, Parsons held the posts of Mississauga town and city councillor, county warden, reeve, and was appointed Peel's first chairman.

Parsons is president of Lou Parsons Realty Inc., past president of the Mississauga Board of Trade and a member of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.



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