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Naeem Puri's body still not found

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Community activist realtor's death a shock to the industry

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Mississauga's real estate industry was shocked by the sudden presumed death, Thursday, of one of its most prominent members.

Naeem Puri, president of the two offices of NRS Mississauga, is thought to have died in Niagara Falls, although at presstime no body had been found.

Niagara Falls Parks Police said Friday Puri's disappearance is a suspected suicide.

Many considered Puri "Mr. Mississauga" for his many years of community activity.

Every New Year's Eve for the past few years, for instance, he would hire Mississauga Transit so people could enjoy the new year and not have to drive.

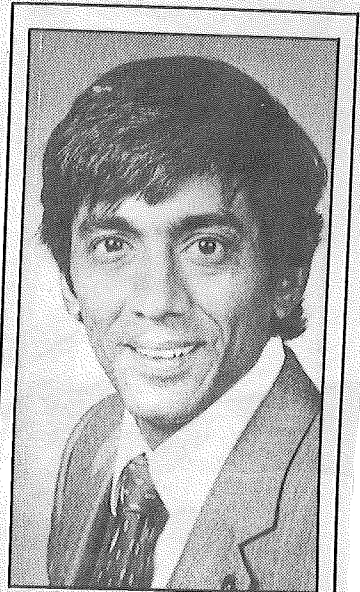
He was a director of the Mississauga Real Estate Board (MREB) serving as chairman of several committees including the education committee, of which he was particularly fond. He was a winner of the MREB-sponsored Ronald E. Sanderson Community Service Award two years ago. It is given for outstanding and continuing effort to better Mississauga. He had also been nominated for both Mississauga's Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year awards.

Puri will also be remembered for his key role he played in the Great Mississauga Walk-a-thon which raised tens of thousands for the Credit Valley and Mississauga hospitals.

Puri was a prime mover in the establishment of Meadowvale Theatre. He also participated personally in almost every charitable drive held in Mississauga from the Heart Fund, to the Cancer Society to Erinoak.

The Dundas St. and Meadowvale offices of NRS Mississauga will continue in operation.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, and two children.



NAEEM PURI
community involvement