



Local Broker Presented with Prestigious Wally Wood Award

Bryan Yetman only 11th person presented with this award over the last 91 years

Toronto, Ontario November 9, 2011. Mr. Bryan Yetman, Chairman of the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario (IBAO) has been awarded the ‘Wallace E. Wood Memorial Award.’

This award has only been presented to ten other recipients in the association’s ninety one year history. The “Wally Wood Award,” named in honour of IBAO Past President Wallace E. Wood, was created to recognize an individual who has dedicated themselves to the support and development of the independent brokerage system through tireless personal time and effort. The recipient of this award exemplifies these same qualities and their many accomplishments achieved on behalf of their peers that have enriched the association.

“There is truly no better recipient for this award than Bryan Yetman,” stated IBAO CEO Randy Carroll. “In the past few years the IBAO has focused on making sure consumer interests were a top priority through changes such as auto reforms and also advocating a ban on the use of consumer credit scores to price home insurance. Bryan’s leadership has been an integral part of our success and we are proud to present him with this award.”

Yetman is Vice President of Operations for First Durham Insurance and Financial in Pickering. “It’s humbling to receive recognition for your efforts from your peers,” says Bryan. “I am pleased with what we have accomplished over the past five years; however, our success has come through the hard work of our volunteers, all of whom are brokers actively involved in our association and within communities across the province.”

While his tenure at IBAO has come to an end, Yetman’s involvement in the community will only continue to grow. Bryan recently joined the Board of Directors for the Grandview Children’s Foundation, an organization that supports Grandview Children’s Centre to enable children with special needs in the Durham Region.

“Grandview serves over 4,500 children with special needs, but Durham is growing quickly and there are now over 1,000 kids on their waitlist,” added Yetman. “I look forward to having a lot more time to focus on helping reduce the waitlist and help Grandview’s kids achieve their best.”

“Brokers are known for their commitment to their community and Bryan exemplifies that trait to its fullest extent,” added Carroll. “While we will miss Bryan tremendously, we know his efforts will continue to enhance community organizations, like Grandview.”



The Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario (IBAO) is a 'not for profit' association that represents and serves the interests of over 12,000 independent Property & Casualty Insurance Brokers in the Province of Ontario. For information about IBAO, visit www.ibao.org or www.ibao.org/blog to receive timely news and information updates. You can also follow IBAO on Twitter or join the IBAO facebook Fan Page.

Grandview Children's Centre is the only outpatient rehabilitation facility for children and youth with special needs in Durham and offers a variety of programs and services: Medical Services, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, Audiology, Family Support Services, Therapeutic Recreation Services and specialized Clinics which include: Orthopedics, Orthotics and Muscle Tone. Visit www.grtc.ca or follow Grandview Children's Centre on facebook.

For more information please contact:

Emily Reid, IBAO Public Relations

Tel: 613-233-8906, 613-796-4708

Email: emily@impactcanada.com

