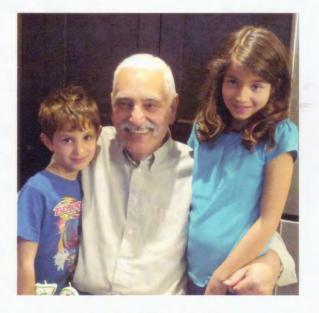# PERSIAN TRIBUNE
PERSON OF THE MONTH

Bahram Parsi

AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER, AND PUBLIC SERVANT

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Mr. Bahram Parsi, an outstanding community volunteer, and public servant devoted forty years of his productive life to serve the Iranian community in Canada in numerous capacities before he was forced into retirement due to illness a few years ago.

Born in 1944 to the parents of Zoroastrian persuasion, he entered Tehran's university as a student of Business Administration which he completed at the top of his graduating class.

Upon arriving in Canada in 1974 to continue his studies, Bahram entered Business Administration program at York University where he specialized in System Auditing. He was then employed by Bell Canada and Indal Aluminum Industries as project manager and system analyst, and later on was hired by Government of Ontario to serve as a project manager in Ministry of Transportation and Communication, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, and Ontario Provincial Police.

Mr. Parsi, since arriving in Canada has been involved in various Iranian organizations and Zoroastrian foundations. He is founder of the Centre for Persian Language in Ontario in 1980 and he served the centre until 2005. He was also instrumental in organizing Persian language programs for kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools in Ontario, and served at Glenview school as the director of the program for 23 years. Mr. Parsi was later involved in Persian classes for non-Iranians.

Bahram Parsi also served on the board of the Peel Multicultural Council. He was elected as Vice President and then as President of the council where he served until 1996. In that capacity Mr. Parsi actively participated in the promotion of equity, equality, promotion of cultural diversity and other social justice issues. And for his relentless efforts, particularly in the housing project of the Peel region, he received numerous volunteer recognition awards from elected officials. ∎