

*Recipients of the  
Agnes Macphail Award*

2025 Jason Ash  
2024 Susan Scandiffio  
2023 Shakhlo Sharipova  
2022 Kam Babulal  
2020 Paula Davies  
Raymond White  
2019 Karen Fraser  
2018 Carol Burtin Fripp  
2017 Rev. Jim Parker  
2016 Patrick Rocca  
2015 Muhammad Masood Alam  
2014 Sheila Lacroix  
2013 Alan Redway  
2012 Alice Carriman  
2011 John Carter  
2010 Bill Pashby  
2009 Patricia Moore  
2008 Geoffrey Kettel  
2007 Lorna Krawchuk  
2006 Shamsh Kara  
2005 George Hurst  
2004 Vi Thompson  
2003 Dorothy Rivers-Moore  
2002 Bob Hart  
2001 Grace Stephens  
2000 Audrey Tobias  
1999 Barbara Thompson  
1998 Elisabeth and Robert  
Lister  
1997 Ruth Goldhar  
1996 Marjorie Lewsey  
1995 Eileen Morris Adams  
1994 J. Edna Beange

## East York Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee



*“Think globally, act locally.”*

TO: North York Community Council  
Toronto and East York Community Council

FROM: Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee

**RE: Recipient of the 2026 Agnes Macphail Award**

The Agnes Macphail Award was established by the Borough of East York to annually recognize an outstanding volunteer who upheld the values and causes of Agnes Macphail and who lives within the boundaries of the former borough.

The Agnes Macphail Selection Committee met, as established in the Toronto City Council approved selection process, on Monday, January 5, 2026 to review the nominations received and to select this year's award recipient. The Committee selected Dr. Blair Bigham as the 2026 Agnes Macphail Award recipient.

Dr. Blair Bigham has built his career “thinking locally and acting globally”, bringing national platforms and international experience directly to bear on the needs, challenges and voices of his local community. An emergency and critical care physician, educator and journalist, his work is deeply rooted in East Toronto and throughout the city. He has consistently focused on fairness, dignity and accountability in systems that profoundly shape people’s lives with his insistence that equity and justice be visible, named and addressed. His contributions as a volunteer, advocate and community leader span decades and reflect a sustained commitment to the values of Agnes Macphail.

**Recommendation:** Toronto City Council approve Dr. Blair Bigham as the 2026 Agnes Macphail Award recipient.

The award will be presented on March 22, 2026.

Sincerely,

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