

# Atlantic Journalism Awards

## Six Inducted into Atlantic Journalism Hall of Fame

HALIFAX/CNW/ - The new Atlantic Journalism Hall of Fame was officially launched at the Atlantic Journalism Awards gala dinner and awards show on April 28, 2018 at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel. Five Atlantic Canadian journalists and journalism builders will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Included as inductees were Don Connolly recently retired after 42 years of hosting CBC's Information Morning radio show in Halifax. Jim and Linda Gourlay were also inducted. Jim is celebrating 50 years in the journalism industry and together the Gourlays have created a number of publications, including the popular Saltscapes magazine. The

third inductee was Dirk van Loon a 41 year veteran journalist, editor, and publisher who has created a number of magazines focused on rural readers, including his flagship publication Rural Delivery.

Another inductee was Maurice Rees for his over 55 years of dedication to many facets of the journalism industry in the Maritimes and now publisher/editor of Nova Scotia's Shoreline Journal. Aleta Williams was honoured posthumously for her 40 years as a journalist with The Evening News in New Glasgow and as the first African Nova Scotian woman to work in the province's mainstream journalism industry.



This year's Atlantic Journalism Awards marks the first to see 6 amazing Atlantic Canadian journalists inducted into the hall of fame, congratulations to you all.



Shoreline Journal Publisher Maurice Rees accepts his induction into the Atlantic Journalism Hall of Fame.

### Our Maurice Rees, Publisher, Inducted

In 1963, while some of us were too young for elementary school, Maurice was starting work at the Woodstock Bugle. Moving on to Marketing and Sales Management, VP of Marketing and Development, General Management, Sales Contractor and finally Owner, Maurice has worked with several Atlantic Canadian publications.

Presently the owner and publisher of the Shoreline Journal, Maurice's energy can be found monthly in this growing and well read publication.

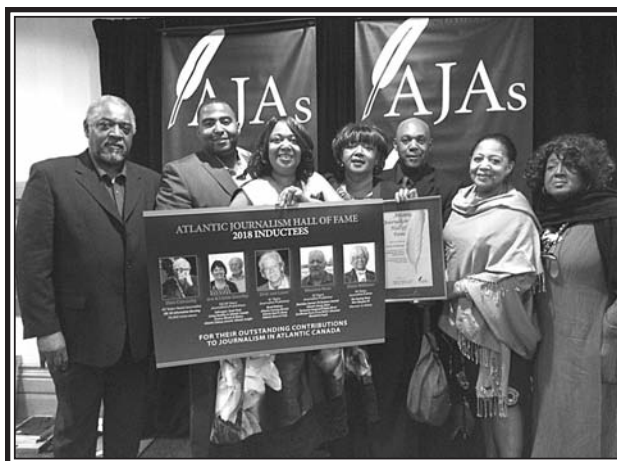
The following interests show the variety of community and volunteer activities over 10-15 years:

- President of South Maitland Historical Association, which operates the Tidal Interpretive Centre and Visitor Information Centre.
- Shubenacadie Canal Commission - Area Director
- Member of W.D. Lawrence Masonic Lodge # 101, Maitland, NS.
- Saint David's United Church, Maitland serve on several committees
- Hants East Liberal Association, Vice President Organization.
- East Hants Historical Society member and previous president.
- Volunteered as East Hants Liberal Association, Area Director and Assn Expansion & Development Committee, chair.
- Worked as Co-chair, East Hants Tourism Association's "Grow Tourism in East Hants" Strategic Plan Steering Committee.
- Past Member to the CNTA Board of Directors, representing Hants

### ATLANTIC JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME 2018 INDUCTEES

<b>Don Connolly</b> 42 Years Host/Journalist CBC-NS Information Morning 70,000 Interviews	<b>Jim &amp; Linda Gourlay</b> 50/20 Years Journalists/Publishers Saltscapes • Good Taste Living Healthy In Atlantic Canada Eastern Woods & Waters Atlantic Salmon Journal • Atlantic Insight	<b>Dirk van Loon</b> 41 Years Journalist/Publisher Rural Delivery Atlantic Forestry Review Atlantic Beef & Sheep Atlantic Horse & Pony	<b>Maurice Rees</b> 55 Years Journalist/Publisher Shoreline Journal • NS Business Journal Atlantic Energy News Yarmouth Vanguard/Digby Mirror Sou'Wester/Farm Focus/Metro Telecaster Woodstock Bugle	<b>Aleta Williams</b> 40 Years Journalist/Editor The Evening News New Glasgow NS Mentor to Many

**FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO JOURNALISM IN ATLANTIC CANADA**



Aleta Williams' family celebrates her induction into the Atlantic Journalism Awards inaugural Hall of Fame in Halifax.



A great @CBCNL crew at the Atlantic Journalism Awards.



CBC NL wins 4 gold, 1 silver at the Atlantic Journalism Awards.

- Regional Development Authority.
- Maitland Launch Days, Previous Chair
- Past Member (6 years) to Board of Directors, Hants Regional Development Authority, (Past Chair for Years 1997 and 1998).
- June 1999 graduate with CED Diploma from Saint Mary's University and Atlantic CED Institute.
- May 1998 Graduate with Certificate in CED from Nova Scotia Community College, Truro Campus
- Communications consultant / instructor for Nova Scotia Community College at Truro, 1998.
- Communications consultant / instructor for Atlantic CED Institute courses at a variety of teaching venues for 1999 & 2000.
- Past member of the Business Equity Investment Committee of the Nova Scotia Economic Renewal Agency.
- Recognized by the Municipality of East Hants in May 2000 with "Volunteer-of-the Year" Award.

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