

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Municipality of the County of Colchester Five Islands and District Fire Brigade

The Five Islands Fire Brigade is one of the smallest fire departments in Colchester County with just twenty members. Operating under the direction of Chief Darrell Spence, the fire hall and its members are a vital part of the community. They hosts weddings, anniversaries, and many other community events. The volunteers are instrumental in organizing the Remembrance Day Services, Christmas Tree Lighting, and the Annual Santa Comes to the Fire Hall event.

As they work to keep their communities safe, fire services face tremendous challenges every day. Given the size of many community fire brigades, this means working closely with other communities to support one another both on-scene and off; this camaraderie can help a fire de-

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Five Islands Fire Department

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Community Group Award Willow Lodge Bingo Volunteers

It is often laughed about when people say "if bingo gets cancelled at Willow Lodge a riot will ensue". But all jokes aside, there is a visible disappointment when they have to cancel bingo due to a storm! The Willow Lodge Bingo volunteers have come in faithfully for years - twice a week, every week, to what is one of their most popular evening events.

Together, Edie Leet, Catherine Bennett, George Smith, Thelma Hayman, and Edie Perkins have over 20 years of combined volunteering between them - just at bingo! They do it because they enjoy it, and they enjoy the company of the people they help. You have to have

something special to be a volunteer at bingo - keeping residents focused on the game when they forget what they are doing is often a challenge - and without the help of these dedicated volunteers many of the Willow Lodge residents wouldn't be able to participate.

Senior living communities rely strongly on volunteers to create meaningful activities and programs for their residents and volunteers are a vital part that. They offer their time, talent, and skills to every dimension of life often without recognition. Your dedication is unmatched and Willow Lodge could not do what they do without you.

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Provincial Representative – Town of Truro Glenn MacKinnon

Glenn MacKinnon was selected as Town of Truro 2021 Provincial Volunteer Representative for his many years of dedicated service.



Glenn MacKinnon

Since the mid 80's, Mr. MacKinnon has been a well-known name in many households. As a retired gym teacher, Glenn remains a regular fixture as a substitute teacher at Harmony Heights Elementary.

In addition to being an athlete himself, Mr. MacKinnon has always made the time to be an active volunteer in his community. Glenn has been very involved in the local sporting community, coaching basketball, hockey, soccer,

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Corporate / Small Business • Fulton's Pharmacy

Fulton's Pharmacy and its owners Chris and Wendy Maclean have been wonderful local supporters of many organizations within the Village of Tatamagouche, and deserve recognition for what they do. The Willow Lodge Home for Special Care is a regular recipient of donations, and they have been one of the largest donors towards the Willow Lodge Auxiliary Palliative Care Room.

Chris and Wendy are also

archery, volleyball, badminton, floor hockey, and golf.

Since his retirement he has been volunteering his evenings to organizing open gym nights, family archery nights, and snowshoeing nights, which not only encourage but facilitate families to spend time together while being active.

A great example of how Mr. MacKinnon goes above and beyond can be seen through his family snowshoe hikes. Glenn always ensures he has enough snowshoes for these evenings (by borrowing them from multiple locations). He also takes the time to light the trails with tea lights and hides "wild animals" in the trees to the delight of his students.

It is not only what Mr. MacKinnon does that is deserving of recognition, but also the energy and enthusiasm that he brings. His generosity to these students is inspiring.

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Community Group Award

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Royal Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award Mike Forbes

The Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award is an annual Award of Merit that recognizes an outstanding individual who has contributed significantly as a volunteer in the fields of culture, recreation and/or fitness over a period of years in Colchester County acting in a leadership capacity. The achievements of the individual shall have made a significant and distinct contribution to the furtherance of some aspect of culture, recreation and/or fitness.

Having been involved in minor hockey as a child, Mike went on to become a junior coach and always steps up whenever a void needs to be filled. He is also a main contributor in organizing the Annual Wayne Waugh Tournament, as well as being a board member for the North Shore Recreation Centre.

Mike has been a volunteer firefighter in Tatamagouche for 17 years and also finds the time to maintain the John K. Memorial Ballfield where he spends a significant amount of time mowing and dragging the fields throughout the Baseball season.

Thank you, Mike for your dedication to sport on the North Shore!

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Community Group Award

North River Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary

In 1977, the North River Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary was formed; the first recorded meeting was on February 16, 1977 with twenty-two ladies volunteering their time. In their first year, they managed to have a profit of \$88.94 after expenses and from there they grew by holding monthly meetings & forming committees to support their needs in the community.

They have been supporters of the local fire station for many years, ensuring that there is water on every firetruck, for the fire crews. The Ladies Auxiliary volunteered their time at canteens, bake sales, held auctions, bazaars, carnivals, dances, Christmas parties, pancake suppers, suppers for anniver-

WE RAN OUT OF ROOM

Bio's for the following volunteers categories recognized by the Town of Truro and County of Colchester will be published in the next issue (July): Corporate/ Small Business - Dexter's Butcher Block; BIO's for the following families: Campbell, Allen & Laurie Treen, Jol & Maura Hunter and Wayne & Linda Mingo.

Individual volunteer BIO's to be published next month include: Jessica Frenette, Betty Byers, Nigel Leggett, John Corlett, Sherry Alexander, Harold "Butch" Borden and Leanne Roberts & Amanda Weatherby.



Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North

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