

Portapique and Cliffs of Fundy Recognized with Community Spirit Awards



Lieutenant-Governor's Community Spirit Award. Photo courtesy Communities, Culture and Heritage - Government of Nova Scotia By Maurice Rees

Two projects from Cumberland and Colchester County are among four projects selected to receive the 2021 Lieutenant-Governor's Community Spirit Award. Cliffs of Fundy Geopark, which spans the coastline of Cumberland and Colchester Counties and The Portapique Community Build-up Project, which is well underway has been recognized as two of four community projects. The annual awarding is another way to celebrate and recognize

the exemplary civic and community spirit shown by people and their communities.

The Portapique project being spearheaded by Truro Rotary Club has received financial support from the County of Colchester, Province of Nova Scotia, Government of Canada, plus financial and in-kind support from businesses and local citizens.

Cliffs of Fundy Geopark which received UNESCO accreditation has been in the works for several years and is now in the organizing stage to make the area ready for thousands of tourist and geopark enthusiasts on an annual basis.

"I was delighted to see applications from all over Nova Scotia for this year's award," said Lt.-Gov. Arthur J. LeBlanc. "Our communities have continuously shown their strength, dedication and wonderful sense of pride. The act of cohesion was clearly reflected, and I look forward to presenting the awards in the near future."

The four communities have been chosen to receive this year's award: Portapique, Colchester County; Cliffs of Fundy Geopark, Cumberland County; We'koqma'q First Nation and Main-à-Dieu, Cape Breton Regional Municipality

"It is encouraging to know that we are surrounded by people who act with kindness and compassion toward each other all year long," said Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Minister Pat Dunn. "Whether it is supporting local businesses, providing programming for every age, prioritizing economic development, or recovering from a tragedy, Nova Scotia's communities continue to help build a more resilient and healthier environment for all of us."

The Lieutenant-Governor will present the awards at a community celebration on a later date. For more information about the Lieutenant-Governor's Community Spirit Awards, visit <http://communityspiritaward.ca>

Quotes:

"We are and have always been so proud as a community, for what we have been through and what we have overcome. To be able to share our community pride with others and receive recognition, like this award, reveals that we are on the right track while giving us a reason to pause and reflect on our accomplishments. The success of this community would not be possible without the resilience of each and every community member. This is an award for everyone."

Storm Gould, Executive Director, We'koqma'q Proud

Quick Facts:

- 2008 marked the first Lieutenant-Governor's Community Spirit Awards
- recipients of the awards are chosen by a selection committee based on community applications that best fit the award's criteria
- up to four communities are honoured each year
- non-profits in Nova Scotia directly contribute \$1 billion in gross domestic product (GDP) to the economy

Additional Resources:

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Office of the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia Twitter page:
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Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Facebook Page:
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Phillips Appointed TCPEP CEO

The Board of Directors of the Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity is pleased to announce the appointment of Truro native J. David Phillips as its new Chief Executive Officer.

"TCPEP will be taking on big challenges in the coming months and years", Phillips said, "with a focus on driving the economic growth and prosperity of the Truro Colchester region, building, strengthening, and supporting the business and startup ecosystem, and attracting skilled professionals. We also need to recruit more family doctors, while working with others to close the skills gaps and address the local housing crisis."

Phillips is an international business leader, with more than 30 years of experience working with companies such as Microsoft and IVMH Group. He started working with TCPEP as a Business Development Officer at the end of 2020.

"We are very happy to have someone with David's background leading the Partnership. His experience and perspective will help us build on our solid foundation of success and bring new energy and new ideas to drive TCPEP and our community to new heights", said Mark Wood, TCPEP Board Chair and President/CEO of Ocean Sonics.



J. David Phillips

The Truro and Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity (TCPEP) is a Regional Enterprise Network (REN) dedicated to promoting our region and growing economic opportunity through direct support of businesses and startups, as well as collaborating with a broad array of stakeholder groups to attract people and increase the overall prosperity of the community. TCPEP is financially supported by the towns of Truro and Stewiacke, the County of Colchester, Millbrook First Nation, the business community through the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce, and the Province of Nova Scotia.

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