

# The 49<sup>th</sup> Provincial Volunteer Awards

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Cedar Event Centre  
Halifax, NS



Lieutenant Governor's Message

As The King's representative in Nova Scotia, it is an honour to participate in the 49th Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony. As we near five decades of excellence, I would like to thank all volunteers for giving of their time and resources over the years. Your work is valued and appreciated.

The summer of 2023 was unprecedented to say the least. There was much to celebrate as athletes from across Canada and the United States arrived in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people in what is today Nova Scotia, to participate in the 2023 North American Indigenous Games. Because of the work of 3,000 volunteers, competitions were hosted at twenty-one venues and cultural celebrations were publicly accessible.

At the same time, province faced extraordinary challenges and significant losses due to environmental factors. First responders were called upon to battle wildfires and floods that occurred on a scale never before witnessed in Nova Scotia. Many sacrifices and efforts were made by Volunteer Firefighters, who often formed the main line of defence between the elements and their communities.

During a time such as this, there is no way to adequately thank those who have given of themselves to serve the province. The level of passion, dedication, endurance, and courage that I have witnessed is truly inspiring, and the contributions I have witnessed over the past months will remain with me.

Patsy and I thank you for the ways you have contributed to the history, culture, health, and wellbeing of the province. We send best wishes to all for the remainder of 2023.

The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc,  
ONS, KC Lieutenant Governor



Premier's Message

On behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, welcome to the 49th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards.

Volunteers generously give their time and support to their fellow Nova Scotians. They help strengthen our communities through mentoring, teaching, and so many other important acts of kindness.

Our province has recently faced troubling times, from hurricanes, to wildfires to floods. It is the strength, generosity, kindness, and resilience shown by volunteers that continues to help us overcome our challenges. We are a stronger province for this reason.

Volunteers are the foundation of our communities and come from every corner of the province.

Congratulations to our 2023 Provincial Volunteer Award Recipients. I am honoured to be in service of our province alongside you.

Yours Truly,

Honourable Tim Houston,  
M.L.A. Premier of Nova Scotia



Minister's Message

It is my honour to extend a special welcome to the 49th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards.

People are only as healthy as their communities. And Nova Scotia's first responders and volunteers help make our communities strong, resilient, and healthy with their kindness, compassion, and generosity.

This year we have faced many challenges, but we have done so together. Historic floods and wildfires have been addressed by first responders with the support of generous volunteers.

We also had a lot to celebrate, like the 2023 North American Indigenous Games which could only happen with the hard work of thousands of dedicated volunteers. Thank you to all volunteers for reminding us how to remain resilient and united as a province.

Congratulations to all the recipients of the 2023 Provincial Volunteer Awards.

Sincerely,

Honourable Allan MacMaster,  
Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage

### 2023 Volunteer Representatives Fundy Region



Jeffrey Cameron  
Municipality of Colchester County

Since 2010, Jeff Cameron has been a leader/scout and a group commissioner. Jeff is always enthusiastic and willing to plan, meet, and help with community activities but his true passion lies in the Scouts program.

Jeff is always full of great ideas so when the Covid-19 pandemic hit, he knew kids needed the Scouting program. Jeff along with other leaders held virtual, hybrid, and outdoor versions of the program during Covid-19 to bring a bit of normalcy to the unusual situation.

Jeff has completed countless hours of paperwork, preparing food for events, and is always intuitive to what kids want from the program. Jeff's willingness to help is admirable, and he is always the one to step forward to help with youth programs.

Colchester County has always been populated with wonderful people, and Jeff Cameron is certainly one of them. Congratulations Jeff!

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The Town of Stewiacke and its' citizens are very proud of Mark Crozier, not just for the over 22 years service with the volunteer fire department, but for the way you inspire others to volunteer along with you on Town Days, lob ball tournaments, Hallowe'en, Christmas in Stewiacke and so much more.

**We are very proud you are our 2023 Provincial Volunteer representative.**

**Congratulations & thank you to each of the 2023 Provincial Volunteer Award recipients. Your community involvement and contributions are invaluable and truly appreciated.**

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