



2017 Port Hope Civic Awards Recipient List

The 2017 Port Hope Civic Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday April 26, 2018 at the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre.

Outstanding Citizen

2017 Port Hope Outstanding Citizen: **Catharine Tozer.**

This year's outstanding citizen is a strong community advocate and is known for her commitment to the recounting of Port Hope's rich history. Her passion to uncover information about our town has moved her to travel to many archives and museums across Canada and to the United States. She has made numerous presentations about early settlements of Port Hope which lead to the formation of the successful Port Hope Public Library Local History Series. Thanks to her research and contagious enthusiasm, this program has been running consecutively since its inception.

This recipient's commitment to the community does not stop with her passion for local history, she has for many years shown a true community mindset. She has served as the Trustee for the Kawartha Pine Ridge School Board, volunteered with the Northumberland United Way, and was Chair of the Family Resource Centre. She has been a volunteer for the Port Hope Fall and the Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and given her time to the Port Hope Agricultural Society. She was a past member of the Port Hope Area Initiative Citizen Liaison group and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Northumberland Hills Hospital.

This woman is generous, dedicated, inspiring and passionate. Her love of our community, both for its history and potential, shines through in all her work.

Outstanding Youth

2017 Port Hope Outstanding Youth: **Simon Cahill.**

Born with a heart of service, this outstanding youth has accumulated over 625 hours of volunteer service to this community. He has been on Port Hope High School's Student Council, a LINK leader, a summer Camp Counsellor, a Scout Leader with Venturers, an Activity leader with Cubs, a program assistant with Port Hope Beavers among some of his efforts.

Through his countless hours working with the Scouts, Simon has picked up garbage along our roadways, volunteered at the Port Hope Fair, Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny, St Mark's Pancake Supper and at Apple Day. This young man has served as

Company President, while also holding a position as Youth Spokesperson for Scouts Canada. He also took home a Scouting award last for Outstanding Youth Leadership. He is a French immersion student, who attends every school event and has played on the basketball, baseball, track and field, tennis and soccer teams. He is actively involved with the Student Advisory Council and has done all this while maintaining an A average. He takes great pride in helping others and never passes up an opportunity to make someone else's life a little easier and their day a little brighter.

Our recipient is all spirit. Simon Cahill is a tremendous example of a dedicated, community-minded individual who leads with his heart and never hesitates to lend a helping-hand.

Environment Award

The Environment Award is to be presented to someone for outstanding leadership, inspiration, vision, innovation or action on behalf of environmental causes.

Five years ago, **Doug Smith** founded the Restore Port Hope West Beach Committee which has received considerable support. He has led a valuable discussion about the importance of the beach and has worked hard to restore its beauty, potential and raise awareness of the environmental fragility of the waterfront. Doug's forward thinking about the waterfront and his research has reached the ears of both the Provincial and Federal Ministries of Environment and Climate Change. He has led numerous waste cleanups in Port Hope's east and west beaches, along the waterfront trail in the spring and fall of each year. Through social media, Doug is constantly relaying ways we can all make little changes in our lifestyles to protect our watershed and lake. Doug is known for his integrity, honesty and humility, not to mention his passion for protecting our waterfront.

Agriculture Award

The Agriculture Award is presented to an individual or group who has had considerable impact in the area of agriculture, has promoted agricultural awareness and exhibited leadership within the agricultural community in the Municipality of Port Hope.

The **Hope Agricultural Heritage Club** was formed in 1995, and since then, have been collecting, maintaining, restoring agricultural machinery and equipment with the goal of maintaining our agricultural heritage. The Club members are all volunteers who have the skills to operate and maintain the equipment properly, and work to pass this knowledge along to the new generation, which might otherwise get lost as new technology takes a stronghold on the industry.

Throughout the years, Club members raised the funds required to build the Antique Machinery Centre in Canton, which is presently full of interesting inventory, and are working on building an expansion to accommodate the donations that arrive weekly. The Club is very active in the community; members participate in many local events to raise and awareness about the Machinery Centre. They host a series of their own

events throughout the year, including multiple open houses and the annual Antique Machinery Show in August.

The Hope Agricultural Heritage Club represents the agricultural sector with heart. Through education, hands-on displays and events, this Club is preserving and promoting agriculture and showcases how it has transformed over the years.

Gerald Zealand (posthumous award, accepted by Gerald's wife Geraldine, and his daughter Cathy Nevin). Gerald was a member of the Hope Agricultural Club for over twenty years and sat as a board member for twelve of those years. He was a skilled and dedicated teacher, committed to sharing his knowledge about agriculture heritage and in particular how the antique thrashing machine worked! He was passionate about preserving historical farming techniques, and training young people how to operate/repair antique farm machinery. Gerald, also known as Smiley, was also a skilled fundraiser, selling thousands of raffle tickets for the Club. Thank you, Smiley, for the time, effort and knowledge that you shared with the HAH Club over the years.

Inspiration Award

The Inspiration Award is presented to an individual who inspires those around them to serve more, to think bigger. It is presented to someone who encourages action, and emboldens those around them believe in themselves.

Crosby Mercer may only be six years old, but this young man inspires those around him and he believes in making a difference. Since the day he was born, he has been an active community member, participating in every parade that has taken place in Port Hope. He recently held a fundraiser for his cousin who is waiting for a kidney transplant by selling cotton candy in partnership Queenie's Bake Shop, which raised over \$800. Crosby has been delivering food to the homeless every year on Thanksgiving. Last year he identified a need for socks for the homeless and proceeded to organize a sock drive. He takes initiative and encourages action in those around him. Crosby inspires those around him to think big and follow through.

Through **Jordan Mapley's** involvement with her school and community, she has become known as powerhouse volunteer. Jordan is a caring, responsible and reliable individual. Jordan exhibits joy in all she does; she has an outgoing personality and admirable people skills. She leads by example and is able to inspire action in those around her. Jordan's impressive volunteer history includes involvement with the Canadian Firefighters Museum, the Port Hope Farmer's Market, the Agricultural Society, Rotary Club, and the Municipality of Port Hope. Jordan has spent countless hours mentoring fellow students in the arts and recreation. Her willingness to help, her ability to take additional tasks and constant positive outlook have made a significant impact to all projects she has been a part of. Jordan's maturity and dedication make her a role model. Her attitude and commitment to volunteerism make her an inspiration.

Lyss England has a unique knack for bringing people together for the betterment of all and it shows in every project or organization that she commits herself to. Through her varied community work, she has shown herself to be a “bright light”, a beacon of hope, inspiration and support for those around her. Lyss is a facilitator, a conversation started and a creative force. As a young, disabled person with a busy professional life, she has shown herself to be a key contributor to the community of Port Hope, taking action and inspiring action every step of the way. Her sensitivity and sense of duty permeate all her efforts; from engaging with marginalized people through her work with the Green Wood Coalition, or her work facilitating challenging community conversations on disabilities and eating disorders, her leadership with the Coldest Night of the Year and Take Back the Night event, or while speaking at Town Council Meetings. Her passion is contagious and her involvement in any project or organization inevitably attracts a bunch of new and interested contributors and supporters. Lyss has been a great educator in the community. When she sees an injustice, she will speak up and invites others into the process. A quote from Lyss’s nomination says it all, “Her work helps us to learn better ways of being together as humans.”

Philanthropy Award

The Philanthropy Award is given to an individual or group for their outstanding desire to promote the welfare of others through donations of money, goods, talent or service.

Poppity Pop Pop Popcorn. With a passion for the community, Brodick from Poppity Pop Popcorn has donated well over a thousand bags of popcorn to children for the past two years at the outdoor movie series in Port Hope. This local business sets up four times a summer to provide free popcorn to youth in attendance. This donation has become something that the moviegoers look forward to. This donation of time and resources enhances the summer experience each year. Any donations that were received at the events have been donated to local non-profits like the Punk Rock Garden and the EarlyAct club.

Ruby Despatie began her entrepreneurial journey with Ruby’s Cotton Candy to achieve her dream of going to Paris. As much as she was focused on saving for her goal, she also wanted to give back to her community, even if that meant delaying her trip. Over the past year, with a focus on supporting the arts and support services for women and children, she has donated money and countless tubs of cotton candy in-kind to Critical Mass: A Centre for Contemporary Art, Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre, Beatrice Strong Public School, Kindred Parents family Carnival, TCS Bear Fair Auction and Cultivate: A Festival of Food and Drink. Ruby may be young, but that doesn’t stop her from doing her part. Ruby has put many long hours into her business, with the encouragement and support of her family. Ruby feels that she has received generous support for her own goals and wanted to pay that forward in the community. When she returns from Paris, she plans to continue her philanthropic endeavors by supporting a local animal rescue organization.

Arts and Culture Award

The Arts and Culture Award is awarded to individuals or groups for promotion of the arts, high achievement in the arts, and for significant cultural contributions to the community.

Julian Warne contributes to artistic excellence within our community through his work, his volunteer endeavours and through his own creative outlets. Julian sits on the board of the La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra and plays regularly in the pit bands for the Northumberland Players Performances. Julian invests his time teaching youth about the importance of music, showing up before rehearsals and staying late to help out where needed. Julian also works as the Lesson's Coordinator at the Long and McQuade and continually goes above and beyond his job description. He often volunteers to take PA systems to charity events to assist with set up and take down. He is a mentor to his students and an eccentric contributor to the local music scene.

Liz Parkinson has demonstrated leadership in teaching, encouraging and engaging the public in cultural projects at the Critical Mass mini MEGA Steamroller Print Festival. She was instrumental in sorting out the steamroller Print Project logistics, she set up the festival's print station and ran the 2-day printmaking extravaganza. Liz led and mentored 18 students through the large format print making process during a heat wave! Liz's own print, *The Tangled Garden*, demonstrates her artistic excellence and has been on public display in the Port Hope Visitor's Centre. Liz is also an original founder of Critical Mass: A Centre for Contemporary Art.

Mique Michelle, a Franco-Ontarian artist from Field. This individual has made a significant artistic contribution to Port Hope that has enhanced the vibrancy of our beloved Ganaraska River. While in Port Hope as a featured artist for the MEGA print Steam Roller Print Project last September, Mique heard about the controversy over some vandalism on the Cavan street river wall. As a strong advocate for abolishing negative perceptions of graffiti, she volunteered her time and artistic talents to design and paint a 100-foot Chinook Salmon mural on the wall. This mural celebrates the annual salmon migration and is a positive example of graffiti done right. This mural was so well received by the community that it has since been approved to remain as a permanent feature in Port Hope. Thank you, for sharing your creative magnetism and generosity with this community.

Jeannette Breward is a professional photographer who created a documentary film, that was shot in Port Hope and featured Port Hope Citizens working to provide sustainable and locally grown food for their community. The film highlighted issues around food security in Northumberland and emphasized some of the incredible efforts happening locally to assist. Jeannette's film was screened as a fundraiser for the local Northumberland FareShare Food Bank. Jeannette also serves on the Board of Directors for the Art Gallery of Northumberland.

Next up we will welcome 4 volunteers who have reached years of service anniversaries with the **Cameco Capitol Arts Centre**. The Capitol Theatre relies on a phenomenal

group of volunteers to help deliver exceptional service. These dedicated volunteers provide a quality theatre-going experience and promote an important attraction in Port Hope.

Margot Agnew: 20 years of service.

Gerry Chapman: 5 years of service.

Norma Brooks: 5 years of service.

Nicki Bull: 5 years of service.

The following recipients worked together to create Port Hope's unofficial mascot. **Kelly Kirkham, Alex Kirkham-McGriskin and Miles Bowman**, the team behind the **Ganny Goose**. This character has added a unique flare to community events and parades. The skilled puppet making, costume design and animation applied to bring this character to life, is an example of artistic excellence and teamwork within the community. The goose is best described as tall, kind and a very good dancer!

Shannon Gerard and the OCAD 3rd year "Pressing Issues" Publications Class

Artist and OCADU professor Shannon Gerard and her 3rd year "Pressing Issues" Publication class demonstrated cultural and artistic leadership in a project during the Critical Mass steamroller Print Festival. The team volunteered to help produce the large MEGA prints, silkscreen t-shirts, made buttons, and ran a pop-up studio in which the participants could contribute stories about Port Hope. This engaging activity resulted in a 44-page newspaper keepsake, the chronicled the community's answers to their prompted questions about Port Hope. The class includes Shannon Gerard, Isabel Bedard, Leanna Bleakly, Kong Cai, Jacqueline Carlos, Christina Castellano, Jerry David, Holly Kay, Natasha Kitts, Sara Klebanoff, Angela Kumar, Joel Lee, Venturi Liyange, Owen Marshall, Catherine Pabitu, Zoe Santo, Kaythi, and Ramis Tarannum.

Critical Mass: Board of Directors for bring an active, civic-minded and imaginative team who produce innovative, impactful and interactive projects. This board of directors is responsible for many festivals that have enhanced the vitality and vibrancy of Port Hope playing an integral role in elevating the arts through cultural activities in the community. The mini MEGA print project was an Ontario 150 supported project that took place between May 2017 and December 2017. The project involved free community workshops for all ages, a two-day steamroller printmaking festival, and public exhibitions of the resulting MEGA prints. The prints themselves featured Port Hope themed designs and were created by professionals artists and community members alike. Critical Mass Art, Board of Directors: Charles Wickett, Philip Goldsmith, Debbie Beattie, Sarah Yoo, Ania Tucka, Ted Rouse, Sarah Jacob, Jason Schmidt and Miles Bowman.

Athletic Award

The Athletic Award is given to athletes who have placed at a national or provincial championship, qualified for national funding, or chosen to represent Ontario

or Canada in a competition. These are incredible athletes, and we are pleased to honour them here tonight.

Charlotte Grimshaw

Charlotte is in grade 7 at Dr. M. S. Hawkins Public School by day and by night, she is an accomplished baton twirler. She qualified to represent Ontario at the Canadian Championships last year in St. John's New Brunswick in both the individual and group events. She and her partner are the Ontario and Canadian Juvenile Level B Duel Gold medalists. As a member of the Oshawa Camaros, she came home with 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze in the group events.

Our next recipient is **Eryn Smelt**. Erin is a proud Port Hope resident and member of the Cobourg Tae Kwon Do Club. Erin is a tireless and focused competitor. 2017 was a big year for Erin as she received her black belt in June 2017 and won the 2017 World Breaking Championship.

Kallaway Mercer trains and studies at the Blyth Academy for Elite Athletes and currently plays for the Toronto Marlboro's AAA hockey team, which is ranked number one in North America. As a team, the Marlboro's won the Johnny Reid Memorial Cup in Edmonton and won the GTHL hockey league finals where they took home the title of Ontario Provincial Champions. Kallaway has stacked up quite the list of achievements for a 15 year old.

Keagan Read and Ian MacLean are two young athletes who are dedicated to their training programs and exhibit the discipline and focus required for athletic success. Both boys are grade 12 students who attended the team Canada tryouts at Guelph University and in Phoenix Arizona. Both Keagan Read and Ian MacLean were chosen to play for the U18 Canada Rugby team at a tournament in Hong Kong. They have also been members of Team Ontario Rugby, and Team Canada rugby.

Community Service Award

The Community Service Award recognizes individuals or groups that have a leadership role, or positively impacted the community. Without these people's time and energy, many of the programs and services that our citizens have come to rely on would not happen.

Danielle Thebeau has dedicated 235 hours of community service to date in Port Hope and surrounding local communities. Balancing a rigorous academic schedule, a part-time job and athletic commitments, Danielle is committed to giving back to the community. She dedicates time to teach young children how to skate and play hockey. She serves as an ambassador for her school, both locally and globally. When Danielle gives herself to something, she gives it her all.

Jeff Mcharg has worked with numerous organizations within the community including the Trinity Environmental Action Committee where he has been a member since 2015

and social action groups that work to alleviate childhood hunger. He also works with Rebound volunteering as a tutor for local children, partnering with elementary schools once a week since 2016. Overall, He has volunteered over 290 hours of community service and continues to seek opportunities to improve himself and his community. Jeff's interests are varied, but his work ethic is not.

Simon Peacock does not sit on the side lines watching life pass by, but gets into the thick of things to spearhead, support and participate to make a difference in the communities he is involved with. Simon served as a LINK LEADER and a Arts Camp Councillor, for the past two years at Port Hope High School. He is active on student council and has been the communications officer and the Deputy Prime Minister. In addition, he led the formation of the Interact club in Port Hope High School, who successfully hosted a coat drive for Big Brothers Big Sisters, operated as route marshals for the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser, and held a purse drive to support Cornerstone. Simon has great enthusiasm and dedication. Simon represents the true spirit of someone who wants to and does make a difference.

Gryphon Nixon Briard has been volunteering in Port Hope since he was 11 helping many organizations by volunteering at events with the Rotary club and local schools. He's collected food during parades, helped with the Chamber Business Excellence Awards and helped to raise money for the Northumberland United Way to name a few organizations. Gryphon is a high-achiever, receiving under graduate awards for the highest marks in many subjects. This young man is also a good neighbour, who without prompting shovels snow and assists younger students with violin lessons. Gryphon sees the value of contributing to make the place he lives better for everyone.

Calder Smith is a constant beacon of positivity in his school and community. He is constantly inspiring others, willing to participate, take on additional tasks and has an insatiable appetite for new adventures. Calder fulfills daily duties at school assisting administrative staff and serves as an active member on student council at Dr. Hawkins. Calder is a cadet, an athlete, a musician and a sailor. He is an individual who does not hesitate to take risks and believes in supporting and encouraging a healthy happy community.

Livi Hutton is a student at Dr. M. S. Hawkins Public School who has been described as an inspiring old-soul, who is devoted to volunteerism. Livi plays an active role on student Council, and single-handedly planned fundraisers, spirit days, events and assemblies. She is the school photographer, who heads up the yearbook committee and has created a video that documented student life that was played at the grade eight graduation last year. Over the past five years she has volunteered her time at the Canteen in support of the food bank and has volunteered at a local Bazaar for 3 years. Livi challenges herself to achieve excellence in academics, sports and volunteerism.

Livi's creativity, resiliency and responsibility make her a leader among her peers and a young influential member of our community.

Morgan Kroeger is a spirited and caring young lady. She has helped out at the outdoor summer movie nights in downtown Port Hope for the past two years. At these events, three nights each summer, Morgan works hard ensuring smooth popcorn service, exhibiting excellent organizational skills. She is a natural leader who engages other youngsters in activities and play, creating a fun atmosphere for all. Her willingness to help and take care of others makes her a valuable and noticeable volunteer.

Jordan Connors visits Extendicare Port Hope, a long term care home, every week to enhance the lives of the residents. He is always helping out and is willing to do anything that is asked of him. Jordan often sits with residents who do not have many visitors, and joins group programs to encourage and engage others through his friendly, outgoing nature. Jordan has made a point of visiting the Home on Christmas Day to wish the residents a happy season. Jordan is the embodiment of an outstanding and empathetic volunteer. Thank you, Jordan for giving your time and heart so freely.

For the past 5 years, **Colin Sears** has been an essential member of the 1st Port Hope Leaders group. Having been a Beaver, Cub and Scout himself, he was able to jump right into the leadership role of Venturer. He's been there for every apple day, fall fair clean up, Halloween and Christmas party. He has served on the executive for the Lakeshore Ventures and remains an active member of the local Rover group including organizing weekend camps on a regular basis. Colin is a valuable member to the Scouting community and brings new meaning to reliability. He is known for his kindness, dedication and sense of humour. Colin is always willing to help out and step up.

Mark Peacock has been an active volunteer in Port Hope for many years. His work included friends of Wesleyville Nature Fest, Past President of the Port Hope Historical Society, and assisting with the Farmer/Rotarian dinner for over twenty years. He was also a Port Hope Minor Hockey Assistant Coach, and sat on the Ganaraska River Advisory Committee. Mark is an active member of his church community and sits on the Community Health Centre Board as Chair. Mark is known for his enthusiasm and extensive knowledge of the region; he is an ethical, civic-minded community leader. Mark Peacock is a public servant both professionally and personally; thank you Mark for generously donating your time, talent and resources towards making this community the best it can be.

Roger Ingram is a trustworthy, compassionate volunteer in the community; his service extends throughout many organizations. Roger has been instrumental in providing the end of the year celebration barbeque for SONG, Sounds of the Next Generation for the past four years. Roger's has also been a reliable volunteer with the Port Hope Rotary

and at the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre. Roger's reliability and dedication helps to shape our community on many levels.

Siobhan Kloosterhof is a kind, hard-working volunteer who is an active member of the Beatrice Strong Parent Council, where she helps to coordinate student activities and fundraising. Over the past two years, she has supported the Rotary Club of Port Hope on many levels including helping with administration. She has also donated her home-made products to raise funds for local organizations through silent auction events, including the Port Hope Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards.

Francesca McIlmoyle been a member of the Rotary Club for 5 years and has coordinated some of their largest fundraising events and has successfully implemented savings techniques and strategies. In addition, she assisted with the relocation of the Farley Mowat Boat-Roofed House Monument, helped to paint the Fare Share Food Bank, and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, assisting in the construction of a town house for a local family. Fran McIlmoyle is known for her commitment and authenticity.

Jacqueline Pennington has been an active member of the Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce for at least 5 years. She has been involved in every committee under the Chamber umbrella; from the beginning stages of the Port Hope Young Professionals to chairing the Business Excellence Dinner. She served as President in 2017 and led the selection committee and transition team during the appointment of the new CEO. Jacqueline has also played a key role in introducing the Chamber Women in Business initiatives. Thank you, Jacqueline for your sharing your ideas and time to help shape our business community.

Avril Ewing is a dedicated member of the Port Hope community, volunteering with numerous organizations. In 2017, she assisted the Port Hope Rotary Club by leading the EarlyAct Club, a group for children interested in completing service activities in the community. She's also been a dedicated member of the Port Hope Soccer Club for three years, serving as convener for 2 years.

York Bell-Smith served on the Civic Awards Committee and assisted in an extensive program criteria review. York carried out the role of Vice-chair and was an enthusiastic committee member who provided innovative ideas and strong community connections that helped to shape the program. York never hesitates and is always willing to put the work in to help bring ideas to life. York's dedication, reliability and sense of humour brought so much to the civic awards advisory committee, thank you!

Take Back the Night Committee is a group of volunteers who collaborated together to host the inaugural Take Back the Night event in 2017. The Take Back the Night event honored the experiences of survivors of sexual violence, sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, and domestic violence. The event offered residents an opportunity to

stand together in solidarity against institutionalized violence and oppression as a community. The Committee coordinated all aspects of the event, including logistics and entertainment. The outcome was a peaceful and creative community demonstration that achieved the goal of uniting event participants. Would committee members please join me on stage to receive your award: Lyss England, Gareth Viera, Jenni Burke, Ashley Bouman, Avril Ewing, Jeff Caine, Meghan Sheffield, Ariel Reilly and Marcela Calderon Donefer.

The Canada Day Show N' Shine Committee is a team and a family; they have served Port Hope for 25 consecutive years by hosting a car show on July 1. The car show is more than a one-day event, it's an annual project that entails months of work and planning, including dedicated execution of the event on a holiday. The car show is a free and engaging event for the public that has been part of our event calendar for over two decades. Tonight we acknowledge the following public-spirited community volunteers: Jeannie McNeil, Don McNeil who have served for 25 years; Joshua McNeil and Rebecca McNeil who have been involved for 13 years; and Desiree and Jaydon McNeil who have helped every year, since birth! Thank you to the McNeil's, for your many years of service to our community.

Cameco Capitol Arts Centre volunteers.

George Harvey. For 12 years, George has been on the board of directors for the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre. From 2006 to 2010 he was the Chair and currently, he sits on the Human Resources Committee. His volunteerism doesn't stop there as he's been a dedicated Rotarian since 2004.

John Joynt. John has been a member of the board of the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre for 11 years, acting as Vice President from 2012 to present. In addition to that role, he's leads the fundraising committee. John is described as trustworthy and hard-working.

Bram Vermeulen. From 2011 to 2013, Bram was the chair of the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre and has remained a director on the board. Currently, he is the treasurer and acts on the finance committee. In his role, he supports many events and activities as well as serving on various other operational committees.

Dr. Ania Tucka has been a director a director on the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre Board for 6 years. She focuses her efforts on the Programming and the Marketing committees. She is a passionate, community-minded and fun-loving volunteer.

Robert Sculthorpe. For the past 10 years, Robert has been on the board of directors for the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre. He is chair of the Facility and the Finance Committees while also helping with programming and fundraising. He is a respected volunteer who works hard with the goal of making sure the theatre best serves the community..

The next three recipients all served on the Port Hope Cemetery Board. This Board ensure operations and proceedings are in accordance with the provisions and regulations of the Cemeteries Act, and the Funeral, Burial and Cremations Services Act.

Peter Bolton. Peter was active on the Cemetery board for many years, contributing to important work maintaining the database of all the graves, across all cemeteries. Most recently, Peter took on the task of updating the Welcome Cemetery database. He is well-versed in the history and symbolism of the cemetery and those buried there. Peter is known for his sense of humour, attention to detail and willingness to assist wherever he can.

Gail Tzotzes. Gail has sat on the Cemetery Board for four years and has served as treasurer for that time. She kept diligent records and accounts for multiple cemeteries and was a valued member of the board. She brought dedicated, humor and energy to each meeting. Thank you, Gail for your unwavering support.

Karen O'Hara. Karen served on the Board for many years and assumed the role of Chair for 4 of those years. Her dedication to the committee and for the cemetery showed in all her attention to detail and work for the cemeteries in Port Hope. Thank you, Karen for sharing your organizational skills and leadership with this Committee.

3M Dance Works is a dedicated team of civic-minded dancers who are actively engaged in the community. These youngsters have participated in the Canada day, Remembrance Day and Christmas parade; they have volunteered their time doing special performances at the Tower Manor, Empire Crossing and Rose Glen Village. This team has assisted at the Santa Claus pancake breakfast, McHappy Day, and have lent helping hands collecting for the Rose Project. Special recognition is extended to team members Camden Read, Emma Andrus, Jazmine Gunter, Jorja Hughes, Aubrey Sedgwick, Emma Campbell, Quinlan Yates, Chelsea Clark, Danika Campbell, Carly Fenton, Isabella Gardiner, Finley Sedgwick, Olivia Dunford, and Avana Mackenzie, for consistently going above and beyond.

The Economic Development Task Force. Members include Dan Fraleigh, Nancy Sabo, Jeff Caine, George Kallonakis, Laurie Carr, Robert Biffin, and Bree Nixon. This team was established in 2016 to advise and support the Municipality on matters related to economic development. The group met monthly, and were dissolved in late 2017, after several of the group's initiatives were put into place. Thank you for your service.

The next selection of community volunteers in the Community Service category all have served with the Canadian Fire Fighters Museum.

William Lambert. Will has spent 10 years on the board of the Canadian Firefighters Museum, and for the last 4 years, he acted as the chair. He was instrumental in bringing the museum to a higher level of awareness, both in the community and beyond our Municipal borders. Will has spent hundreds of hours working on behalf of the Museum

and gained approval from the Fire Marshall's Association to designate the museum as a national entity. Bravo Will.

Bill Hicks has been a member of the Canadian Firefighters Museum Advisory Board for the past 3 years. As a volunteer, he is described as tenacious, generous and positive; one who showcases a can-do attitude. Bill is an active volunteer and skilled negotiator. His general business acumen proved highly valuable as the feasibility study and business plan were developed for the Museum. Thank you, Bill.

Christopher Terry. Christopher has been a member of the Canadian Firefighter's Museum Advisory Board for three years. He brought with him an extensive background in the Canadian Museum field and through his connections helped develop a plan that led to the feasibility study. Even in the face of adversity, Chris has always been supportive and dedicated to the vision of a bigger, better home for the Canadian Firefighter's museum in Port Hope. Thank you, Chris for your service.

For more than 5 years, **George Grimes** has been a valuable volunteer with the Canadian Firefighter's Museum. He is always willing to help during special events and also managed the day-to-day tasks to keep the museum running and presentable. He was the facility's resident gardener, which also included keeping good care of the geraniums over the winter months. Through his role, George acted as a mentor to the younger volunteers. His good humour and sunny outlook have been infectious, uplifting the spirits of all those who work with him. Thank you, George for being a meticulous, patient and generous volunteer.

Also an active volunteer at the Museum, **John Appleman** is known for his "get-it-done" attitude, as well as his jovial and easy-going nature. John has demonstrated a willingness to take on hard labor and developed a good rapport with the visiting public. He is a member of the board and currently sits on the fundraising committee. John is also a Kinsmen, a member of the West Beach Group, and a volunteer with the Caroline Street Outdoor Rink.

Kathy Kobelski. Kathy joined the Board two years ago and fulfilled the role of Vice Chair. Kathy has gone to great lengths doing outreach for the Museum and organizing events. Her creative problem-solving, organizational skills and easy-going attitude has made her a valuable asset. She has spent many hours packing up artifacts and helping to find the Museum a new home. She is also a member of the Port Hope House Tour Committee for several years and has chaired that committee for the past two years.

The next three awards are being presented to community organizations. These groups have been nominated for an organizational award for doing outstanding work within the Community Service category.

Northumberland 89.7 is a not-for-profit community-based volunteer radio station that brings local news, sports and updates on what's happening to the community. They provide a voice for local events, and for local causes, including the Greenwood

Coalition, the Firefighter's Museum, the Port Hope Library, the Port Hope Civic Awards, among many others. Through a wide range of programming, Northumberland 89.7 is the heartbeat of our community. Thank you to all the station volunteers for sharing their creativity, professionalism and time to keep this station relevant and interesting to your listening audience.

Jennifer's Jazz it Up! Studio of Dance Performance Team. This team of highly skilled dancers volunteer their time for many local events and organizations. They believe in giving back to the community and random acts of kindness. Known as the Good Vibe Tribe, members support a number of community event and initiatives, including the local Food Bank, Green Wood Coalition, the Rose Project and can be seen participating in all parades. Group members are community ambassadors and represent Port Hope at the Toronto Raptors, Toronto Argos and Toronto Rock. Many of these dancers also teach and volunteer to assist younger dancers. Thanks for sharing the power of positivity.

With an unwavering commitment to community service, the **1st Port Hope Scouts** are enthusiastic supporters and volunteers for a number of community activities, including the Santa Claus Parade, Port Hope Fall Fair, visiting retirement homes and singing carols at Christmas time and pooling their money to buy gifts for the giving tree. They have supported Float your Fanny Down the Ganny by handing out hot chocolate to racers and litter-picking after the event. This group has also organized collections and donations for Fareshare, greenwood coalition, and the Humane Society. This dedicated group of community committed youth are a textbook example of what the community service award represents. Thank you to the 1st Port Hope Scouts.