



2016 Port Hope Civic Awards Recipient List

Outstanding Citizen

Outstanding Citizen: Olga Cwiek

This year's Citizen of the year is a powerhouse. Since 2012, she has been an active volunteer with the capitol theatre Heritage Foundation, serving on the board of directors. She has held the position of president of the board, and in that role, leads and supports volunteers to implement actions to meet goals of the long term strategic plan. These actions include but are not limited to marketing, managing information systems, website development, developing the Capitol Kids program, encouraging donor support and drafting grant applications.

She has served with the architectural conservancy of Ontario, Port Hope Branch for over ten years and was responsible for the preparation and successful implementation of their annual fundraiser.

She has worked with Port Hope Northumberland community Health centre for over six years and is a valuable member on the Resource Committee. She has applied her considerable business and not for profit experience to positively contribute to center matters.

This recipient's volunteer activities amount to a full time job, to say the least. She is an outstanding advocate and spokesperson that deserves all our thanks and recognition here tonight.

This year's outstanding citizen is the incredible, **Olga Cwiek**.

Outstanding Youth

Outstanding Youth: Nathan Titterton

This year's outstanding youth is an exceptional combination of being organized, well-respected, high achieving and charitable. He has accumulated over 370 volunteer hours in the past three and half years also with doing many uncounted hours out of the goodness of his heart.

A few of the many organizations that he has volunteered his numerous hours of service with include the Red Cross, Canadian Cancer Society, Extencicare, Salvation Army, and Regency Manor Nursing Home.

This year's recipient is one of Trinity College School's prefects and this year's head boy. He is also a member of the cross-country and rowing teams and a well-rounded citizen. Please join me in welcoming, **Nathan Titterton** to the stage.

Environment Award

The Environment Award is presented to someone who has raised awareness for environmental issues, provided benefit to the environment in increased conservation, or is a leader using environmentally sound practices.

This year's recipient is **Fax Beatty** Fax, on any given day can be seen working tirelessly picking up garbage along the banks of the Ganaraska river, cleaning and bagging fish carcasses at the cleaning station, ranking and cutting grass and cleaning up goose mess. Fax never asks for any recognition for what he does, he simply cares about our town and river and spends hours making sure our community remains clean and pleasant.

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.

Penelope Nutbrown is an adored French immersion teacher at Ganaraska trail Public school and she quietly goes about doing amazing things to inspire and support her community. In 2014, Penny decided that the best way to support her students was to engage their parents, so she organized and offered free evening French classes for the parents of any French immersion students enrolled at the school – the first program of its kind in Ontario, impacting over 100 families since its inception. On her off time, Penny can be found teaching kids how to knit, organizing annual food bank drives, building floats for the school to participate in community parades, volunteering at the food bank, and coordinate pageants for the St John's church. In the summer, Penny can be found on Saturday mornings reading to children and doing free crafts at the port hope framers market. She focuses on teaching kids about where their food comes from, making healthy choices and learning about the importance of farms. Penelope's community involvement, creativity, dedication, generosity and kindness make her more than deserving for this special award.

Agriculture Award

The Agriculture award is presented to an individual who has had considerable impact or leadership in sustainable agriculture, represented Port Hope in an agricultural competition, or has promoted agricultural awareness in the Municipality of Port Hope. of Port Hope.

Bruce Hendry had devoted his life to the agricultural industry and agricultural organizations. He is a retired dairy farmer who is now a cash cropper. In 2005, he made a big investment to start up a sophisticated maple syrup business and provides his award-winning maple syrup for sale at the port hope farmers market.

Bruce is an avid plowman and has participated in several county plowing competitions as well as at the international Plowing matches. He donates his time and equipment to coach 4-H members interested in the art of plowing and has coached many Northumberland queen of the furrows. Bruce acts as a coach and mentor to the 4H club members, working alongside the leaders and he donates the prize money for the yearly 4H club awards night.

An active member of the Ontario federation of agriculture since 1973. He has won several prizes for competitions that he had entered over the years such as 1st place in the International plowing match in 2005

He encourages new technologies and innovations and embraces any opportunity to learn about new developments in the agricultural industry. .

Philanthropy Award

The Philanthropy award is given to an individual or group who provide a leadership role in fundraising, encourages others in philanthropy, or benefits the residents of Northumberland County through donations. Tonight, we have three recipients in this category

Giorgos Kallonakis the owner of Olympus Burger, has made it a priority to support the community of Port Hope by selecting a local charity every year on national Burger day to receive all the profits, with past recipients being fares hare food band and the Canadian Fire fighter's museum. Every December, a percentage for every burger sold during the entire month is donated to Green Wood Coalition to help support the hungry, homeless and hurting in the community. Giorgos also supports Green Wood's coldest night of the year event by donating his homemade chilli to warm the tummies for free everyone after their big walk, and even donated enough burgers to feed over 100 hungry volunteers who were helping to build the Ganaraska trail playground, this in addition to the more than 20 other local groups and causes that he supports.

Peter Gabany seeks out causes to support and donates countless hours to raising issues, advocates for social needs and then foster community action. His store front office often serves as a meeting forum for planning community benefitting projects and Peter donates his communication media services to several local institutions and initiatives including the Green Wood Coalition, Northumberland fare share food banks, Punk Rock produce, the Port Hope fair, port hope framers market and most recently with the Northumberland Community Counselling centre. Peter deeply cares for the welfare of the community and it shows through his generosity.

Adam Pearson has generously supplied free thanksgiving dinners to over a hundred people for over three years, matched a Christmas gift for gift program for children at the salvation army for over three years donating well over a 100 presents to kids every year and also supports other groups and events every year for a great many years such as salvation army, food bank, the kinsmen club of Port Hope, Rotary, the capital theatre and All Canadian jazz festival. Adam's generous personality is a huge asset to Port Hope.

Athletics Award

The Athletics 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.

Kallaway Mercer has achieved international success in hockey, receiving player of the fame at the Desert Cup Hockey in Las Vegas and was part of his team winning the Chowder Cup Hockey Tournament in Boston. He also volunteers much of his spare time with the Northumberland Sr. Ip hockey program and shovels snow for seniors in his neighbourhood.

Amber Smelt, a grade seven student, competed last year at the world championships held in Florida in the advanced/black belt level and won all three of her divisions, coming home with three world championships. She competed in Pennsylvania, Ontario, Florida, Michigan where she won all but one event all year, coming in second in that event. As well, Amber was the 2014/2015 junior female competitor of the year on the world circuit under the USBA/WBA.

Kristina Steins has been a competitive swimmer starting at age 8 receiving numerous gold medals at the provincial level. In the past, she has represented Canada at the North American Challenge Cup, selected as 'rookie of the Meet' at the Pan Pac Trials in Montreal, was a member of the Canadian Junior National Team for Jr Pan Pacific meet in Hawaii, and a member of the senior National team at the 15th world championships in Barcelona in 2013. She also achieved a 'B' cut at for the Olympics in 2016 and was ranked 65th in the world.

Charlotte Grimshaw is an accomplished 11-year-old baton twirler. In 2016 she was the Ontario and Canadian Juvenile Beginner Twirling Champion, the Ontario and Canadian Juvenile Beginner Strutting Champion, The Ontario Juvenile Beginner Overall Champion, and Silver medalist in the Canadian Juvenile Beginner Overall Champion. As a member of the Oshawa Camaros she also won Bronze in the Canadian juvenile Dance Twirl Team Championship and Gold in the Canadian Juvenile Twirl Team Championship.

Arts and Culture Awards

The Arts and Culture Award is given to recognize individuals or groups for high achievement in the Arts, or the promotion of arts and culture within the Municipality of Port Hope.

Jennifer Mercer has been an active supporter of the arts, volunteering for many community events with a variety of local organizations, including volunteering to teach and sponsors several dance classes, organizing numerous food drives for Fare Share food bank, prepared meals and delivered them for those in need, participating in parades, and leading the Port Hope candlelight walk procession. She has also volunteered for events at the Capitol theatre, and established the I Love Port Hope Facebook group to promote and encourage positivity and good news stories within the community.

Alana Lee is very active in the community volunteering her services as a professional photographer to create marketing and professional branding for local charitable and non-profit organizations such as the capitol theatre and the Canadian Firefighters Museum. She also volunteered her time to do Santa Photos after the parade free for any kids at the Firefighters Museum.

Aurelie Collings founded the not-for-profit organization Critical Mass, and was instrumental in developing the organization and contributing to the cultural landscape in Port Hope. She has introduced work for a number of highly regarded contemporary Canadian artists, many whom have exhibited internationally, to Port Hope, through a series of installation placed in empty storefront windows downtown brightening providing passersby with a free walkable outdoor gallery.

Sharon Connor for the past several years has been an active volunteer with Youth for Christ, but most recently, she has been a cornerstone volunteer leader for the Created 2 Create Theatre program. During that time, she has been instrumental in staging a total of eight different theatre productions, which performances are free to the public. She focuses much of her attention to teaching children how to act and dance on stage, as well as improving their vocal abilities, giving many children their first opportunity to perform on stage.

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.

Mandi Yakiwchuk has been a dedicated leader with the Guides Organization for eight years in Port Hope, mentoring girls in both the Pathfinders and Rangers groups. She is well loved by all of the kids, and spends extra time organizing crafts, outings, and camping trips. Mandi is also one of the leaders of the brand new interact and Earlyact clubs in Port Hope.

Chris Jones has volunteered as a coach with the Port Hope Soccer Club for the past four years in the outdoor house League Divisions. He has also taught soccer clinics and coached Rep Soccer for three years. Chris is dedicated and well liked by the kids and other coaches and always pitches in any time he is needed to help other teams.

Rod Ewing. For the past three years, Rod has been a coach with the Port Hope Soccer Club, starting after he learned that a team was in desperate need of a coach. Despite his initial lack of experience in this role, he worked hard with the kids and is now the most requested coach in his division, especially after leading his team to a first-place finish at the end of season tournament last year. Rod works very hard organizing all aspects for the parents and players which makes for an easy and enjoyable soccer season.

Lynn Richards has been a member of the ladies Auxiliary and Branch 30 of the Royal Canadian Legion for the past 10 years. Lynn also takes the time to volunteer with the Big Brothers and Sisters store for the past five years. Being legally blind doesn't slow this inspirational woman down. The always thoughtful Lynn, goes out of her way to remember to send cards and caring thoughts to auxiliary members who are sick, bereaved or having birthdays.

Emma Kimmerly is 16 years old and has been an active volunteer since she was 11. She has been involved in the community in numerous areas from the Northumberland Promise group, to helping youths and adults with remaining fit and active. She has also helped with many habitat for humanity builds, school clubs, and the humane society.

Margaret Lothian has been a dedicated volunteer with the Canadian Firefighters museum, and is always willing to take on a variety of projects, from sewing archive levels into artifacts, to inventory in the gift shop. She often mentors new volunteers and staff, teaching them valuable new skills, and supplying them with homemade cookies. Focused on fundraising, Margaret has generously created many paintings which are sold in the museum gift shop.

Ryan Harding. In partnership with the municipality, and with advice and support of the Port Hope Accessibility Advisory Committee, a new program was introduced by Community Care Northumberland to Port Hope this winter, called Snow Angels with the goal to provide snow removal free of service to those in need free of charge. Although there were several requests for help, Ryan was the only volunteer to provide this service. He not only diligently shoveled snow but he also formed a bond with the senior and was able to regularly check on her well-being.

Hugh MacMillan has made a great impact on the lives of the people who live and work at Extencicare Port Hope over the past seven years. He has attended

monthly community outings loading the wheelchair accessible bus and assisting on a one to one basis. Hugh even dresses up as Santa During the holiday season and provides assistance during special meal programs.

Robert Quartly. Over the past four years, Robert, and his talent as a filmmaker have been a huge asset for the Green Wood Coalition, which has resulted in several beautiful, short films that allow individuals in our community to tell their own story in a way that they have never done before. Those films have been shared at the Greenwood's Imagine Event as well as several schools and community groups where people are moved by the honesty and strength of Rob's subjects. Beyond that, he has contributed many great ideas and gentle direction to the planning and executing of Imagine, and is a regular at the community dinner each week.

Nell Friar has filled a variety of roles, from organising Green Wood Coalition's Imagine event to directing the campout for homelessness hosted Memorial Park. She is currently serving as a member of the board of directors as well as on the ground operations team. Nell is the powerhouse of organization and efficiency behind Green Wood Coalitions' weekly community dinners, coordinated our "feast of the week" for a crowd of 80 people by scheduling and communicating with a roster of 13 groups for providing meals. A number of individuals in the Green Wood Community have been positively impacted by Nell's gracious encouragement and problem-solving.

Kari Boughen is a loving soul who donates her time every morning to the Beatrice Strong Hot Breakfast Program which feeds up to 90 students each day. She knows all the children by name, what they like, and what they shouldn't have and wishes them all a great day when they walk out the door, making it a perfect way for these students to start their days. Kari kindness is contagious.

Jackie Irwin has been involved with Port Hope Scouts since 2012, acting in various roles beginning in 2012 as the fundraising Coordinator, putting together a several successful scout popcorn sales campaigns and apple days to raise hundreds of dollars to support scouting in Port Hope. In 2014, she became the Commissioner, leading the volunteer committee that supports programming in Port Hope, including the beavers, cubs and scouts. In the summer of 2015, she spent four days with to of the cubs at the 100th anniversary Canadian Cub Jamboree and in September of 2016, she helped to launch our very first Venturer program, and continues to help guide this fledging program week after week.

Kerri McClure has been with the 1st Port Hope Scouting since 2012. After a year as Beaver leader, and she became the Cub leader and has been an incredible force of energy and optimism the entire time. As the scouting program has evolved, Kerri has adapted seamlessly, contributing her ideas and boundless energy. Last summer she accompanied the Cubs at the 100th anniversary Canadian cub jamboree for an experience of a lifetime.

Paul Tait is an active volunteer for various community groups within Port Hope, including an active member of the Port Hope United Church, the rotary club, and the PROBUS club, serving in more than one role in each of these organizations. His past service has also included working closely with the Food Bank and the Salvation Army's

Christmas Kettle program. Please join me in thanking and congratulating Paul for his many years of diverse community service in Port Hope.

Betty Beharry Lall is an outstanding volunteer and contributes her time to a number of different organizations including, the United Church, the Municipality of Port Hope, and the Northumberland Community Health Centre. Currently she is the chair of the Ruth Clarke Activity Centre for Seniors, and has been on the board since 2012 helping with Lunch Bunch, Christmas party arrangements and monthly board meetings. Betty does not hesitate to offer help with projects and has given hundreds of hours of service over the years.

Scarlett Xiao has demonstrated her strong commitment to service through her time at TCS by doing over 200 hours of volunteer work. Always eager to help, some of the many organizations she helped are habitat for humanity, TCS events, shoreline clean up, and Float your Fanny down the Ganny. She has also served as a science steward and an Art Steward at her school.

Joy-Ann Moore is an active volunteer serving in a number of roles within the community including the co-chair of the Affirming Committee and the All Canadian Jazz festival. She directs and assists with the Fair Share food bank, and spends many hours preparing homemade soups. She is also a helpful volunteer with the Green Wood Coalition, preparing food for their dinners.

Frank Walkingshaw is an active participant on the La Jeunesse Board, and in addition filled in as treasurer during a time of need. He is the treasurer for the Northumberland Orchestra and Choir, and is also the former treasurer of Port Hope "Friends of Music" and a regular supporter of many arts functions in Port Hope.

The Capitol Theatre Volunteers

The Capitol theatre volunteers are integral to the operations of the theatre and donate a lot of extra time during the holiday season with the popular festival of lights and trees in November. They promote our community with friendly service and suggestions regarding dining, shopping, and where to stay in our thriving town. The volunteers that are being recognized today are being recognized for length of service, a testament to how committed they are to making Port Hope a special place to visit.

5 years of service:

- Margaret Bennis
- Beverly Chrisomalis
- Michelle Cunningham-Langevin
- Lorna Turner
- Vicki Meneilley

10 years of service:

- Vera Kalisz
- Annabel Thorpe
- Peter Thorpe

- Colin Banfield
- Isabel Eyman
- Pat Goodyear

15 years of service:

- Alma Draper
- Glenn Thompson
- Linda Elliott
- Elmer Elliott
- Lorna Abrams
- Betty DeLong
- Keith Rose
- Pauline Hornyak

20 years of service:

- Nicole Corbeil
- Joan Ashton
- Carol Thompson
- Barbara Bolton
- Peter Bolton

Youth Care Committee of Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation – retired members of 2016, Monica Windolf, Eve Garrison, and Haley Calnan

As part of the Youth Care Committee, Monica, Eve, and Haley, have worked hard to raise funds for the purchase a vital signs monitor for the emergency department for the Northumberland Hills Hospital, through individual school fundraisers throughout the year which included candy grams, bake sales, and a school dance. They also volunteered at several local fundraisers including the Davis Independent pumpkin drive and BBQ, demonstrating leadership and pride in their community and their hospital.

Punk Rock Produce Community Garden

Craig Smith, Suzi Gabany, Peter Gabany, and Tony Armstrong

Punk Rock Produce lead by Craig Smith is a volunteer organization that was started to draw attention to the availability of food for all people and used as a teaching opportunity through hands on demonstrations and through social media. All of the food grown at the garden was donated to the Northumberland Fare Share food bank, amounting to over 700 pounds of fresh vegetables. The positive efforts of the Punk Rock Produce Team, including Craig Smith, Suzi Gabany, Peter Gabany and Tony Armstrong provide much needed fresh and healthy alternatives for the foodbank while empowering people to work together to help others in need.

The Following recipients are volunteers with the Girl Guides of Canada

Lisa Smith. For the past fourteen years, Lisa has been the main driving force with the Sparks, leading girls aged 5&6 in Port Hope. She loves empowering the girls to become independent and confident young woman of the future. Her commitment is enhanced by her willingness to travel from her home in Lindsay to Port Hope each week to be with the girls.

Valerie Schlechter has been a great supportive leader in the Port hope Brownie unit serving with girls ages 7 & 8 for the past two years. Valerie spends a lot of time organizing crafts to do with the girls as a way to teach them how to express their own creativity. She also helps out with numerous sleepovers and camps.

Rachel Smith has been working with the Guides, leading girls between the ages of 9-11 for the past 8 years. Rachel's tireless commitment continued all through her university years, volunteering her time on a regular basis. She also helps out at many other community events throughout the year.

Michelle Ricketts for the past three years has been the driving force behind the Brownie unit leading girls ages seven to eight. She has been leading and empowering girls while having fun doing crafts.

Denise Jagt. For the past 27 years, Denise has served as supporting leader in the Port Hope Sparks Unit assisting girls ages 5 & 6 weekly. She also has been a tremendous asset for the unit as she heads up many community events and plans camps for the girls throughout the year.

Tamara Elliot has been serving with Girl Guides of Canada for the past two years as a supporting leader in the brownie unit with girls ages 7 & 8. Throughout the regular meeting, Tamara spends a lot of time with the girls and loves singing and telling stories while teaching the girls valuable life lessons.

The following recipients are part of the Port Hope & District Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Kim Patton has been a volunteer with the Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce for over four years and has served on the board of Directors for the past three. Kim has helped organize and coordinate many of the chamber special events including the Annual Business Excellence Awards and annual golf tournament. Kim has also developed and lead the chamber's newest educational opportunity, the Let's Do Lunch series, for our members.

Douglas Blundell has been an active volunteer for the Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce and a board member for the past four years, two of those years serving as the President. He has spent many hours helping with many committees and events including our Annual Business Excellence Awards, the golf tournament and trade shows.

Pamela Derry has been an active volunteer with the Chamber of Commerce for over 4 years since first joining the special events committee in 2013. She helps to coordinate events and volunteers with their executions like the chamber's annual golf tournament and the business excellence awards. During this time, she has also been on the board of directors.

Steve Mark has been an active volunteer with the Port Hope Chamber of Commerce since 2011 and joined the Board of Directors in 2013. He assists on many committees like Policy & Advocacy, the Annual Golf Tournament, the Tradeshow, recently started volunteering as the Chamber's representative for the Heritage Business Improvement Area and the Municipal Incentive Advisory Committee. In addition, every Christmas for the past 7 years he has volunteered for the Salvation Army Kettle campaign.

Matthew St. Amand has been a member of the Chamber' Board of Directors for over three years and has volunteered on many committees. Matthew also supports Port Hope and the community at large with his generous donation of time and money, raising funds for local charities like Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre in the 'walk a mile in her shoes' campaign and local sports teams.

The Ganaraska Trail Snack Bin Volunteers

The Ganaraska Trail Snack Bin Volunteers is a dedicated group who works together to provide nutritious snacks for over 400 students in 21 classes, five days a week during the school year. They also provide food to leave for staff in case a student forgets their lunch, does not have enough food for a variety of reasons. With a focus on nutrition, the committee guarantees that students are reviving healthy foods and encourages them to try new things while helping to prevent empty tummies which makes it difficult to focus in the classroom. The committee is comprised of parents and students, and is lead by Danielle Rouse.

The adult members of the committee from the 2015/2016 year and the 2016/2017 year are:

Danielle Rouse, Roddy Sergiades, Laura Bown, Steve White, Lisa Ferrie, Kristy Fralieigh, Natasha Ely, Kim Skinkle, Lynette Jenkins, Joelle Pegg, Kate Zealand, Sheryl Caron, Tera Waldock, Shauna Nolan, Caroline Taylor, Julie Spencer, Karen Borwn, Becky Miller, Jennifer Nicholas, Rob Nicholas and Jennifer Clark.

The student volunteers are:

Annisely Rouse, Grady Rouse, Morgan Kroeger, McKenna Kroeger, Charley Nicholas, Rosie Spencer, Pearson Varghese, Matthew White, Emily Brown, Samantha Sergiades, Preston Cyrus, Treyson White, Maddie Blideau, Madelaine Zeran, Hope Bolton, Lucas White, Maria Kinsey, Emma Comrie, Goergia McDonald, Rachel Albright, Tynne Zeijdel, Olivia Parent and Haley Andrus.

116 Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps “Skeena”

The Royal Canadian Sea Cadets have donated countless hours of volunteer service to the community of Port Hope over the years, including various environmental projects such as cleaning up debris in the downtown core, the beach, the riverbank, and the park. The band has participated in each and every Port Hope Santa Claus and Canada day parade. They work hard selling poppies at Remembrance Day with the funds being returned to the community, and the cadets can be seen providing the honour guard at the Port hope and Canton cenotaphs.

Jennifer’s Jazz it Up! Studio of Dance Performance Team

This team of highly skilled dancers volunteers their time for many local events and organizations. They believe in giving back and have volunteered at all of the local parades, at the Capitol Theatre for productions such as the Christmas Belles, and greeting theatre goers at other performances. They have held several food drives for local fare share, and many of these dancers also teach and volunteer to assist younger dancers within their schools.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.
You vote in elections once a term, but when you volunteer,
you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

Author Unknown

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