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**RE: KENTVILLE CELEBRATES COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**

KENTVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA— On Thursday, April 14, more than 70 people attended the Town of Kentville’s annual Volunteer Recognition Night, including over 35 Award recipients.

Each year the Town of Kentville recognizes volunteers who are nominated by their peers for having been champions in their organization or community. This year 10 organizations nominated more than 35 volunteers who work long hours to support some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Recipients honoured included Perry Bishop from the Kentville United Baptist Church, Mike Ricketts from Evergreen Home for Special Care, Scott Pope and a number of volunteers from the Kentville Minor Basketball Association, Ling Jin from the Kentville Development Corporation Limited, the Kentville Community Garden Society, Fidelis House, Open Arms, Kentville Police Service and the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. Carol Caston was also nominated as an exceptional volunteer for supporting those in need.

Mayor David Corkum presented the awards, and Councilors Bolland and Folker-Hill were also in attendance, along with Director of Parks and Recreation, Rachel Bedingfield. Mayor Corkum stated, “I’m so proud to stand here tonight and recognize the service that these exceptional citizens provide to our community.” He also presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to John Andrew, who volunteers at Open Arms, and the Mayor’s Corporate Award to Porter’s Custom Trophy and Engraving. In closing, the Mayor remarked that all volunteers, “should know the very positive impact they have on our community each and every day, and how very much they are appreciated.”

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