



TOWN OF PRESCOTT 2023 COMMUNITY AWARDS

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Visit www.prescott.ca or Town Hall
for information and nomination
application. Submit by April 14th, 2023.

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NINTH ANNUAL PRESCOTT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know someone who has made a noteworthy contribution to the Town of Prescott?

The Town is currently accepting nominations for the **Citizen of the Year Award 2023**. Nominators can visit Town Hall or www.prescott.ca for a nomination form designed to help with the submission. Letters of recommendation are welcome to be submitted with the nomination form.

Nominated citizens are expected to have displayed a broad range of contributions and achievements in the Town of Prescott, or to have demonstrated commitment to one or more particular causes. Nominees can come from the business world, from volunteers, or from any other civic endeavour which has bettered the community of Prescott.

Nominators are urged to provide specific examples and details about what the nominee has accomplished. Please list activities and contributions, results, achievements, beneficiaries of the nominee's efforts, honours, awards, and memberships in civic and professional organizations.

Nominees do not have to reside in the Town of Prescott, although the person's achievements and contributions must be focused on or in the town. Nominations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023.

The award for **Citizen of the Year 2023** will be presented at a reception hosted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Prescott in the 2023 calendar year.

Please send nominations, with subject line CITIZEN NOMINATION to:

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Previous Citizen of the Year Award Recipients

2014: Ian Farthing, Artistic Director of St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival

As principal builder of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, Ian Farthing was a leading proponent of the arts in Prescott for a decade. The Vancouver-born U.K.-trained actor and director served as the Artistic Director of the festival during a period of great growth from 2006 through 2014. Ian's tenure included many record-breaking seasons and was capped with securing the only Canadian performance of London's Shakespeare's Globe to Globe world tour of Hamlet in 2014. Ian also appeared in Canadian productions of the Sound of Music, Cabaret and The Mousetrap. He additionally played a prominent regional role in arts and tourism serving on the Great Waterway Tourism Advisory Committee and the Arts Council of the 1000 Islands.

2015: Carr/Todd Families, Founders and Organizers of Prescott and District Soccer Association

Laurence Carr, Lesley and Randy Todd, and Rob Carr have spent decades dedicated to the Prescott and District Soccer Association. Siblings Laurence, Lesley, and Rob carry on the legacy on the legacy of their father, Tom Carr. Since 1967, generations of Prescott's youth have gone through the leagues nurtured by our own Mr. Soccer (with the support of his wife Peggy) and carried on with the Carr and Todd families to the present day. In 2014, this was again a year-round occupation for the families. They organized all aspects of the soccer program, ensured affordability, promoted the development of children, and supported referees, coaches, and parents. Without the dedication of the Carrs and the Todds, youth soccer would not exist in Prescott.

2016: Alleyn Abel, Volunteer St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, Friends of the Prescott Public Library, Ducks Unlimited

Dedication to Prescott has long been a priority of Alleyn Abel. 'Reliable,' 'tireless,' and 'generous' are just a few of the words used to describe his eight years of volunteer work running the Front of House at the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival. In 2015 alone, he spent over 500 hours on show duties, filling in at the office and helping with offseason performances. Alleyn has also been an active member of the Friends of the Prescott Public Library, organizing events and coordinating book sales while serving as the group's vice-chair and treasurer. He has been a volunteer with the Prescott chapter of Ducks Unlimited for seven years. Alleyn's example of community service is an inspiration to all of Prescott.



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2017: Donald Barton, Volunteer, Victorian Order of Nurses Driver, past member of Prescott Waste Management Committee and the Sandy Hill Cemetery Board

As a long-time resident of Prescott, Donald Barton has committed countless hours of service and dedication to many activities, programs, and events in the area. Don's support of Prescott over many decades has included his time spent being a driver for the Victorian Order of Nurses, serving on the Sandy Hill Cemetery Board and the Prescott Waste Management Committee, volunteering at countless suppers and events at St. Paul's United Church, and participating in annual Community Clean Up days.

Recognition is never motivation for Don's tireless and unwavering dedication to the Town of Prescott and its residents. Don's example of community service is an inspiration to all of Prescott.

2018: Robert Lawn, Former Mayor and Councillor, Town of Prescott, Educator and Leader, Avid Volunteer

As a long-time resident of Prescott, Robert Lawn committed countless hours of service and dedication to the community. Robert's list of accomplishments and services to Prescott included being a teacher, Vice-Principal, and Principal of South Grenville District High School, serving two consecutive terms as Mayor of the Town of Prescott (200-2006) and Councillor (2010-2014), President of the Prescott District Chamber of Commerce, member and Paul Harris Fellow of the Prescott Rotary Club, and a steadfast patron of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival. A humble man, who contributed in his own gentle way, Robert led with strict principles, values, and integrity. Robert's example of community service is an inspiration to all of Prescott.

2019: Inspired by the idea of serving meals to the community, Carol Casselman, and a group of dedicated volunteers, proposed what is now well known in Prescott as Kings Kitchen.

Kings Kitchen began in February 2008 with a monthly meal and by the fall of that year grew into weekly meals following the school year calendar. Kings Kitchen now serves approximately 230 meals each Wednesday. The organization is a group effort run by volunteers, who are coordinated by Carol.

Carol is also the 2nd vice chair of Champions for Kids Foundation and is active with Seaway Church. Carol is successful in her endeavors to provide a warm and welcoming community atmosphere to residents and truly embodies what it means to be Prescott's Citizen of the Year.

2020: William Arthur “Pat” Kingston, Dedicated Town of Prescott Mayor and Councillor
William Arthur “Pat” Kingston was born in Prescott in 1922 and lived his entire life in the same house on Dibble Street until his 98th birthday. He was devoted to the welfare of Prescott his entire adult life, first serving as a Town Councillor in the 1950’s and then becoming Mayor from 1961-1962 and again from 1971-1976. After stepping down from the role as Mayor, he again served as a Councillor for a number of years. Pat Kingston always put the interest of the Town and his fellow citizens first and took a deep interest in the heritage and history of the Town. Kingston Crescent is named in his honour.

2022: Bill Countryman

William (Bill) H. Countryman has been recognized for his devotion to the Town of Prescott. Bill operated his own service station in Prescott for many years, but his devotion to Prescott started long before that through his work as a volunteer firefighter with the Prescott Fire Department. Having nearly 60 years of experience as a firefighter, Bill has battled flames in some of the most notable fires and assisted in many tragic motor vehicle accidents.

Bill continues his devotion to the community by helping those in need, often performing small chores for the elderly and those who are housebound. Bill also can be found working with the local funeral home, assisting the staff and clients in his compassionate and caring way. Thank you for your dedication!

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NINTH ANNUAL PRESCOTT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized as a dedicated volunteer within the Town of Prescott?

The town is currently accepting nominations for the **Volunteer of the Year Award 2023**. Nominators can visit Town Hall or www.prescott.ca for a nomination form designed to help with the submission. Letters of recommendation are welcome to be submitted with the nomination form.

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One award for **Volunteer of the Year 2023** will be presented at a reception hosted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Prescott in the 2023 calendar year.

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Previous Volunteer of the Year Award Recipients

2014: Patricia Warren, Catholic Women's League, Wellington House and more

Recognition was never a concern of Patricia Warren during the many years she dedicated to volunteering in Prescott. A devoted member of St. Mark's Church, Pat served as the president of the Catholic Women's League and helped at everything from crafts shows to luncheons. She also assisted the St. Mark's Breakfast Program, the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, and fundraisers and pastoral care at Wellington House. More of her time was dedicated to the Brockville General Hospital's annual Palliative Care Telethon, the Canadian Cancer Society, and Heart and Stroke. When Pat was not helping others, she worked for more than 35 years for the Upper Canada District School Board and raised her two daughters, Erin and Shannon, in Prescott.

2015: Candy Alexander, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 97, Prescott Rotary Club
Countless hours dedicated to volunteer causes made up the regular schedule of Candy Alexander in 2014. As one of the most dedicated members of Prescott Royal Canadian Legion Branch 97, the retired elementary-school teacher organized events ranging from East Fun Day, Remembrance Day contests, and public speaking competitions for youth, to weekly karaoke nights for adults, and fundraising concerts for the roof fund. As a member Prescott Rotary Club, Candy took part in community projects such as the "Buy a Brick" program at the Rotary Pavilion. She helped gather hundreds of stuffed animals for children as part of the Light Up the Night Christmas Parade. Prescott was a better community in 2014 thanks to her ongoing efforts.

2016: Lynda Joannis, Volunteer Prescott KidZ Choir, St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival
As one of Prescott's most enthusiastic volunteers, Lynda Joannis has made a mark on many organizations. She created and still leads the Prescott Kidz Choir, which entered its fifth year of offering a free musical theatre program in 2015. Some 4-50 children take part in the choir every year, which leads to community shows in December and May. Lynda also supported the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival in 2015, playing Maria in the organization's production of *The Sound of Music*. Through her position as the lead administrator at St. Lawrence Academy, Lynda has involved students in many volunteer efforts, including roles with the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Spelling Bee, Prescott Rotary Club, Prescott Farmers' and Crafters' Market and more.



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2017: Brent Norton, Volunteer, Prescott Fire Department, Chief Fire Prevention Officer
For 35 years, Brent Norton has epitomized the meaning of giving back and selflessness as a volunteer member of the Prescott Fire Department. Volunteering for any organization requires dedication, commitment, and passion. Brent has shown this through his many years of emergency response and outstanding involvement in fire prevention within the Town of Prescott. Brent's years of participation in the planning of both the daytime Santa Claus parade as well as the current "Light up The Night" parade have brought thousands to the area to enjoy year after year. Beyond his commitment to the fire department, Brent has also volunteered his time in the community to minor hockey and the Prescott Lion's Club, amongst others.

2018: Paul McAuley, Volunteer, 7th Prescott Scouting, Prescott & District Soccer Association
For over 25 years, Paul McAuley has given back to the Prescott community as a tireless, invaluable volunteer. Volunteering for any organization requires dedication, commitment, and passion. Paul has shown this through his many years of service to the 7th Prescott Scouting and the Prescott & District Soccer Association. Paul has been an active Scout Leader for countless years where he has motivated and led Prescott Scouts and Venturers and their families to also volunteer and give back to the community. Paul is also an organizer and convener of the Prescott & District Soccer Association where he has been a coach for over ten years. Beyond his commitment to these organizations, he is also a Trustee with the Fort Town Night Run and puts in thousands of volunteer hours a year all while working full-time.

2019: Suzanne Leizert-Rutter is a true example of a dedicated community volunteer. Suzanne is an active volunteer with many organizations and is involved in multiple fundraising efforts in the Prescott area. For over 10 years, Suzanne has volunteered her time with Kings Kitchen and Seaway Church, where she has organized multiple successful fundraisers and events. You can often find her behind the scenes preparing for the weekly Kings Kitchen Wednesday night meal, where she always ensures that guests are happy and well fed. Suzanne is also a proud member of the Prescott Royal Canadian Legion Branch #97, where she donates her time baking for fundraisers, selling raffle tickets, and decorating the hall for special events. She is reliable and dependable, no matter where she may be needed. Suzanne loves her community and is a reflection of 'volunteerism' in Prescott.

2020: Justin Kirkby, Executive Member S.G.M.H.A, Prescott Soccer Association – Referee Coordinator and Coach

You can often find Justin at any fundraiser soccer field, hockey rink, or community event. Justin is an executive member of the South Grenville Minor Hockey Association and SGMHA Coach. He's led the campaign for a new rink and is an integral part of "The Row". He's organized dances, a beach party, ball hockey tournaments and is a committee member to raise funds for a local women battling cancer. Justin is also the backbone of the Prescott soccer Association. He sits on the executive, is a referee coordinator and coaches three teams. Justin Kirkby is the heart and soul of our community and is a great example of what it truly means to give back.

2022: Art Hitsman

Art Hitsman has been recognized for his volunteer efforts in the Town of Prescott. Art is very involved with many local programs including sports leagues for soccer and softball, the annual Spirit of Giving campaign, and the local Kinsmen Club. He has been praised for being a "year-round" champion for our community. Art is described as "always dishing out smiles and lifting up the community." Art's kindness and respect for all has impacted many people, and created a positive, inclusive, and uplifting sense of community. Thank you for your passion!

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FOURTH ANNUAL PRESCOTT BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know a dedicated business that deserves to be recognized within the Town of Prescott?

The town is currently accepting nominations for the **Business of the Year Award 2023**. Nominators can visit Town Hall or www.prescott.ca for a nomination form designed to help with the submission. Letters of recommendation are welcome to be submitted with the nomination form.

Nominators are urged to provide specific examples and details about the nominee's contributions to the Town of Prescott business climate and its citizens. Please list activities and contributions, results and beneficiaries from the nominee's efforts.

Businesses must be located within the municipality of the Town of Prescott. Nominations will be accepted until 4:30pm on Friday, April 14th, 2023.

See nomination criteria attached.

One award for **Business of the Year 2023** will be presented at a reception hosted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Prescott in the 2023 calendar year.

Send nominations with subject line BUSINESS NOMINATION to:

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BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION CRITERIA

- Must be a business or non-profit organization, active in its day-to-day management and operation.
- Nominees must be located within Town of Prescott municipal boundaries.
- Significant business achievements; industry awards, public recognition, substantial expansion/growth/innovation, other achievement or recommendations.
- Nominees should show creativity in business decisions or in development of specific products or services.
- Responds to business challenges and problems with effective solutions.
- Active involvement in professional and/or trade associations.
- Exhibits initiatives in new job development, equal opportunity and other employment practices.
- Participates in community affairs and activities contributing time, effort, and resources.
- Exhibits dedication in business and community affairs and commitment to creating a positive business climate.



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Previous Business of the Year Award Recipients

2019: Since October 1, 1935, Canadian Tire has been proud to serve the Prescott community and surrounding region. Since Brian Dikdan took ownership in 2017, the progressive leadership and community dedication demonstrated by Brian and his team has produced countless benefits for Prescott's citizens, organizations, and community endeavors.

Canadian Tire has been a strong supporter of community projects and events such as the Prescott Community Centre Redevelopment Project and the Fort Town Night Run charity event, with Brian himself volunteering at the run. Brian and his team have organized several Jump Start fundraisers including the 1st annual Making Play Possible – Jump Start golf tournament and dinner, which raised \$26,000 for local youth.

Store performance has also improved greatly under Brian's leadership. Growth in store sales has positioned it among the top stores in the Ottawa region. Additional benefits include inventory increases, new product lines, employee morale & retention, and new employment opportunities; ensuring Canadian Tire continues to proudly call Prescott home in years to come.

2020: Since 2017, PropertyGuys.com has proudly served Prescott and the surrounding region. Owner, Ben Quenneville has received countless industry awards and recognition for his business and community endeavours. PropertyGuys.com hires local citizens, supports local programs, and has saved clients over \$6.3 million in commissions and taxes which are reinvested locally. Ben is an active member of the business community, serving on the Prescott BIA and South Grenville Chamber of Commerce, and supporting vital regional business initiatives. We hope PropertyGUys.com continues to call Prescott home for many years to come.

2022: Prescott Memorials has been recognized as a long-standing business in Prescott. They have occupied the same business location since 1945. Prescott Memorials has been a strong supporter of community projects and events such as facilitating the Rotary Pavilion Brick Program, Participating in trade shows, supporting the Local Legion Branch. They often go above and beyond for their customers by outside of office hours at local cemeteries. They are a local staple in our community, and we thank them for their commitment to the Town!

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