



Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award Winners Announced

Halifax, NS -- Four communities were announced today as the recipients of the 2009 Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Awards.

The communities of Brookfield, Colchester Co.; Shearwater, Halifax Regional Municipality; South Mountain, Richmond Co., and St. Andrews, Antigonish Co., were selected from 17 nominations, all of which showed a high degree of community collaboration and strength.

"The 17 excellent nominations made for a very challenging task for the selection committee," said Catherine Woodman, chair of the selection committee. "The winning communities reflected the spirit of the award and successfully demonstrated how they met and exceeded award criteria."

"Three of four winners were nominated in both 2008 and 2009 which demonstrates the continuous interest in and support for this new award across Nova Scotia," Woodman added.

The award was launched in 2007 by Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, to recognize communities that demonstrate engaged and active citizens across many aspects of community life.

"I am pleased with the continued response to the awards from communities across Nova Scotia," said Lt.-Gov. Francis. "The four winning entries for 2009 are building on the excellent example set by our inaugural winners in 2008. I look forward to presenting each community with its award this coming summer."

The Lieutenant-Governor will present the awards at separate celebrations to be held later this year in the winning communities. The selection committee invited communities not chosen this year to resubmit for the 2010 awards, providing them with feedback on their 2009 submissions to help.

The awards are hosted by United Way of Halifax Region and sponsored by Nova Scotia Power and Transcontinental Media.

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