

# **MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL**

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In 2006 awards of the Meritorious Service Medal (civil) in Canada stopped. It was under review is the reply from Ottawa!

In 2013, there were four Meritorious Service Cross (civil) awarded in Canada. No MSCs had not been given since 21 April 2005. It was an odd mixture - of the four MSCs, one already had an MSC (military) and would receive an Officer of the Order of Canada within a year (Chis Hadfield); one already had the Order of Canada (Clara Hughes) and one had died (Sarah Burke). The other was to the Mayor of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec. All were well deserved. And all looked very political.

This then raises the question, will the MSM (civil) again be awarded or will this become a little used medal. In the past, Canadians who received Olympic gold medals received Meritorious Service Decorations but this stopped with the review. I know several of the MSM (civil) recipients and they are outstanding citizens, well deserving of their honour and they wear the honour proudly.

Suddenly, in the Canada Gazette of 02 January 2016, a large number of MSC and MSM (civil) awards were announced. No other announcement about what the review found or request for nominations. Curious.

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## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

### TANGUAY DION, Thérèse

Established Fondation Maman Dion

School Supplies, Clothing and glasses for Underprivileged School Children

MSM

Charlemagne, Quebec

CG: 04 July 2015

GH: 13 May 2015

DOI: 2006 to 2015

"Thérèse Tanguay Dion is dedicated to ensuring the well-being of countless students in Quebec through the organization that she established in 2006. At the beginning of each school year, the Fondation maman Dion helps thousands of young people from underprivileged backgrounds by providing them with the school supplies, clothing and glasses they need to start the year with confidence and pride. The generosity, humility and dedication of this caring woman of action have played a significant role in boosting the self-esteem and desire to succeed in these children at a time in their lives when they need it the most."

First Meritorious Service Medal (Civil) issued since 27 March 2006.  
Nine years to review the program!



### ANDERSON, Samuel Ernest

Sergeant - RCMP

Aboriginal Youth Hockey

MSM

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 1999



"As the driving force behind the Manitoba Moose Aboriginal Youth Follow Your Dreams Hockey Day, RCMP Sergeant Samuel Anderson has built positive relationships between Aboriginal youth and the RCMP. The annual event brings together Aboriginal youth and their families, members of the RCMP and other partners for a Manitoba Moose hockey game. It also showcases Aboriginal role models and youth recognition awards, and promotes key messages about healthy lifestyle choices."

**Medals:** MSM (civil) – EIRR Golden Jubilee – RCMP LS&GC

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**BAILLE, Frank George Hans**

Dr  
Criticall Ontario

MSM  
Burlington, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 1988

“Dr. Frank Baillie developed and implemented CritiCall Ontario, a 24-hour-a-day emergency referral service for physicians across the province. The system identifies on-call specialists in more than 55 specialties, and also lists bed availability at local hospitals and transportation options for patients. Under his leadership, the program leveraged technology to decrease wait times and improve access to care.”



**BAYLIS, Catherine P.**

Ms  
Founder Fire Pit Cultural Center Prince George

MSM  
Prince George, B.C.

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 1992

“As the founder of the Fire Pit Cultural Centre and a member of the Northern Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Task Force, Catherine Baylis has made a difference in the lives of many people living on the streets. The Centre provides a safe, spiritual and educational place for Aboriginal people to reconnect with their culture and to ultimately better their lives.”



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

### **BALEVI, Marc**

Mr  
Co-Founder Canada Cycles For Kids

MSM  
Hudson, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: July to August 2002

### **FETHERSTONHAUGH, Robert**

Mr  
Co-Founder Canada Cycles For Kids

MSM  
Dorval, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: July to August 2002



“Marc Balevi and Robert Fetherstonhaugh, co-founders of Canada Cycles for Kids, raised funds for sick children through repeated cross-country bicycle treks in support of The Children’s Wish Foundation of Canada. Through their perseverance, they succeeded in granting wishes to many children, and in bringing them joy, laughter and happy memories.”

### **Marc Balevi, MSM**

Marc Balevi (left photo) is President of TechnoCap Inc, Gestion TechnoCap Inc. and TechnoAnge Inc., and a Managing Partner of TechnoCap I, L.P. Marc Balevi is also a Director of various technology companies including Kinaxis Inc., FreeBalance Inc. and YottaYotta Inc.

Marc Balevi and Richard Prytula have worked together as a team since 1982 on acquisitions, financings, purchases and sales of technology companies in various stages of development. Prior to TechnoCap, Marc was a senior tax partner with the accounting firm of KPMG, one of the largest accounting and auditing firms in the world. Marc joined KPMG in 1981 and became a partner in 1987. As a partner at KPMG, Marc's clients included Eicon Technology Corporation, Speedware Corporation, Pfizer Canada Inc., Sandoz Canada Inc., Valmet Canada and Synergistics Inc. As the principal tax advisor to TechnoCap since its inception, Marc advised on the corporate structure of TechnoCap as well as its investments. Marc has provided tax and business consulting advice to venture capital and investment companies in the acquisition and sale of companies in the United States, Switzerland, Ireland, China, Germany, France and Canada. Marc's experience includes the formulation of international corporate structures for his Canadian and foreign based clients including the structuring of Irish manufacturing operations, international financing structures and a network of sales and distribution subsidiaries in numerous countries. During his 15-year career at KPMG, Marc was involved in numerous initiatives relating to high-technology companies. From 1992 until his departure, Marc acted as the Montreal liaison of KPMG's High-Technology Practice Group. The technology group's focus was on providing accounting, auditing, tax and other specialized services to software, communications and pharmaceutical companies. Marc has been an active participant in assisting high-technology companies in structuring and obtaining financing. Marc was actively involved in the IPOs of Eicon Technology Corporation and Speedware Corporation. Eicon designs, manufactures, markets and supports a wide range of hardware and software networking products. Speedware designs and supports a wide range of enterprise software products.

Marc has a Bachelor of Commerce (1977) and a Diploma in Accountancy (1978) from McGill University and is a Chartered Accountant. Marc is fluently bilingual in English and French.

### **Robert Fetherstonhaugh, MSM**

Robert Fetherstonhaugh (right photo) became renowned for his advanced risk assessment and data analysis capabilities thanks to the international acquisition-based growth strategy he developed with Trader Classified Media between 1998 and 2001. The Bronfman family then entrusted him to manage all of Claridge Inc.'s asset categories, from private capital and money markets to hedge funds, equities and direct investment programs. Following his strategic vision, Claridge Inc. began investing in the food industry and turning niche businesses into profitable companies. In 2008, Robert Fetherstonhaugh was recruited to take the helm of Bayshore Global Management LLC, which manages the holdings of a prominent Silicon Valley entrepreneur and one of the largest family fortunes in the United States. As part of his duties, he was responsible for their global investments as well as establishing new initiatives for the Brin Wojcicki Foundation. Among these initiatives, he led and worked on the cultured beef project in collaboration with an internationally renowned tissue-engineering scientist, which spawned the world's first stem cell hamburger. In 2012 The Chronicle of Philanthropy listed the Brin Wojcicki Foundation as one of the 10 most charitable U.S. foundations. In 2002, Robert Fetherstonhaugh created “Canada Cycles for Kids” with friend Marc Balevi while they cycled across Canada to raise money for the Children's Wish Foundation. Since then, they have raised over \$325,000 so that dreams can come true for 30 children in the terminal stage of an illness. These are just some of the achievements of a man who tends billions of dollars so that good causes can grow.

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**BERGMANN, Martin A.E.**

Mr

Director of NRCans Polar Continental Shelf Program

MSM

Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Posthumous**

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 21 June 2016

DOI: 2008 to 20 August 2011

"A tireless ambassador of Arctic studies and a leader in rejuvenating research infrastructure in the North, Martin Bergmann excelled as director of Natural Resources Canada's Polar Continental Shelf Program. A scientist and administrator, he also shared the northern experience with Canadians through groundbreaking documentaries of the Northwest Passage. His efforts helped to bring Canada's north to greater prominence, both at home and abroad."

He was the Director of the Natural Resources Canada's Polar Continental Shelf Program. He was killed in the crash of First Air 737-210C C-GNWN on 20 August 2011 at Resolute Bay.



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**BILODEAU, Alexandre**

Mr

Gold Medal 2010 Olympics and 2014 Olympics in Moguls

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 21 June 2016

DOI: February 2010 / 2014

"Alexandre Bilodeau is an accomplished freestyle skier with 19 World Cup medals and the first Olympic gold medal won by a Canadian on Canadian soil. He is also a national spokesperson for youth with disabilities who contributes time and money to the Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres. In 2012, he and his brother served as Canada's ambassadors for World Cerebral Palsy Day."





## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

### **BITTMAN, George**

Mr  
Memorial Drive Cross Project

MSM  
Calgary, Alberta  
**Posthumous**

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 29 February 2016  
DOI: 2009 to 11 November 2015

### **McCANN, Murray**

Mr  
Memorial Drive Cross Project

MSM  
Calgary, Alberta

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 29 February 2016  
DOI: 2009 to 11 November 2015

"Past chair of the Calgary Poppy Fund George Bittman and philanthropist Murray McCann brought the Memorial Drive Cross Project to fruition. Thanks to their dedication, a cross with the name of each soldier killed in action from southern Alberta is erected every year in Calgary from November 1 to 12, to remind Canadians of the sacrifices made by members of the Canadian Armed Forces."



Murry McCann, MSM, with granddaughter Kaitlan Knoll. (left)

Mr. Bittman's Step-Daughter received the MSM from the Governor General on the family's behalf in Vancouver on 05 March 2016.

George Bittman – 23 September 1939 to 03 December 2011 (below)



### **BRYAN, Esther**

Ms  
The Quilt of Belonging

MSM  
Williamstown, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 21 June 2016  
DOI: 1999 to 2005

"Esther Bryan has been the driving force behind the Quilt of Belonging, a work of art consisting of 263 unique, 11-inch fabric squares that represent the Indigenous peoples and immigrant cultures woven into Canada's heritage. Handcrafted by hundreds of volunteers, the Quilt has travelled from coast to coast, delivering its message of diversity and belonging."





## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**BOWDEN, Jessie M.**

Mr  
CEO Teens Now Talk Magazine

MSM  
Timberlea, Nova Scotia

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: December 2001

“As the publisher and CEO of the Teens Now Talk magazine, Jessie Bowden has raised teens’ awareness, confidence and motivation by giving them an opportunity to find their authentic authorial voice. With sustained engagement, she has empowered teens to discover new tools and resourceful outlets through creative writing, expression and art.”



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**BUCHANAN, Lembi**

Ms  
Disability Tax Credit Reform – “Fighting for Fairness”

MSM  
Victoria, B.C.

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 29 February 2016  
DOI: 2001 to 29 March 2002

“Lembi Buchanan played a crucial role in income tax reformation by creating the *Fighting for Fairness* campaign. Through her intense lobbying, the need to broaden the eligibility criteria for the Disability Tax Credit received national attention, and led to persons with mental and episodic disabilities benefiting from the federal tax credit.”



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**BURROWS, Sydney**  
Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF  
7<sup>th</sup> Book of Remembrance

AFC MSM CD  
Comox, British Columbia

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 29 February 2016  
DOI: 2004 to 11 November 2005

“Sydney Burrows spearheaded the creation of In the Service of Canada, the seventh Book of Remembrance housed in the Memorial Chamber of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill. Its pages preserve the names of Canadian Armed Forces personnel who died while on duty between October 1947 and the present day, with the exception of those who were involved in the Korean War. The Books of Remembrance remind us that freedom and peace come at a great price.”

He received the **Air Force Cross (AFC)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 30 July 1955 in the rank of Flying Officer, RCAF.

**Medals:** AFC – MSM (Civil) – SSM and two bars – Peacekeeping – UN Military Observer Group in India/Pakistan 2 tours (UNMOGIP) – UN Egypt/Israel 2 (UNEF2) – EIIR Silver Jubilee – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and two bars



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**BUXTON, Bonnie**

Ms

Established FASworld Canada (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome)

MSM

Toronto, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 1999

**PHILCOX, Brian**

Mr

Established FASworld Canada (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome)

MSM

Toronto, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 1999

“In 1999, Bonnie Buxton and Brian Philcox established FASworld Canada as a way to raise awareness of fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). Through their commitment and advocacy work, they created a support network for caregivers, developed better services for individuals and families affected by FAS in Canada and abroad, and established International FAS Day on September 9.”



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**CAMPBELL, Hélène Sage Josée**  
Ms  
Champion of Organ Donation

MSM  
Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 2012



"Hélène Campbell is a champion of organ and tissue donation. Diagnosed with advanced idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis—a fatal lung disease—at only 20 years old, she underwent a double lung transplant that saved her life. Through her innovative social media campaigning, she has raised public awareness of the donor process, increased the number of registered donors, and fundraised to help patients on the organ transplant waiting list and their families."

**Medals:** MSM – EIIR Diamond Jubilee



Above with Laureen Harper.

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**CASEY, James**

Mr  
CEO Paderno Cookware PEI

MSM  
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 1985

"As its president and CEO, James Casey transformed Padinox Inc. from a failing company into a booming Island business with over 200 employees. Through his entrepreneurial skill and leadership, he demonstrated dedication and commitment to securing employment in a region with low employment opportunities, and to making the Paderno cookware brand known across North America."



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**CASSIR, Frédéric G**

Mr  
McDonald's Happy Meal 10 cent donation

MSM  
Beaconsfield, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 1977

"Frédéric Cassir was the driving force behind the 10-cent donation from every McDonald's Happy Meal sold across the country to support Ronald McDonald House, which reunites children undergoing medical treatment with their families under one roof. His civic-mindedness has brought comfort to sick children and has also given Canadians an opportunity to support this worthy cause."



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**CLAYPOOL, Daniel ("Dan") Wilfred**

Mr  
Canadian Petroleum Discovery Centre, an interactive museum

MSM  
Devon, Alberta

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 29 February 2016  
DOI: 1997

"Daniel Claypool had a leading role in the creation of the Canadian Petroleum Discovery Centre, an interactive museum showcasing the evolution of Alberta's booming oil industry. With over 30 000 artefacts on display, including drilling and processing equipment, the centre recounts how Alberta's economy was forever changed when oil was first struck in the Leduc #1 well. Thanks to his work, an important part of Alberta's modern heritage has been preserved."



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**CHRÉTIEN, Hubert**

Mr

Founding president of Freedom at Depth Canada - SCUBA Diving Persons with Disabilities

MSM

Gatineau, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 2001

"Hubert Chrétien is a SCUBA trainer and founding president of Freedom at Depth Canada, the sole organization in the country with a recognized SCUBA diving certification program for persons with disabilities. He has bolstered the confidence and self-esteem of his students from around the world by breaking down barriers that previously kept them from participating in this mainstream sport."



**COHON, Mark**

Mr

Commissioner Canadian Football League

OOnt MSM

Toronto, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: June 2008

"As the commissioner of the Canadian Football League (CFL), Mark Cohon developed *This is Our League*, the CFL's new brand. He also expanded the league to other cities across the country, and dramatically increased game attendance rates. Through his innovative vision, he rejuvenated the CFL and brought Canadians together to celebrate the sport's unique place in our history and culture."



Suzanne and Mark Cohon, MSM



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**CLARK, Anthony ("Tony") G.**  
Mr  
Co-Founder Kidney Cancer Canada

MSM  
Guelph, Ontario  
**Posthumous**

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 21 June 2016  
DOI: 2006

**MASKENS, Deborah**  
Ms  
Co-Founder Kidney Cancer Canada

MSM  
Guelph, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 21 June 2016  
DOI: 2006

"Anthony G. Clark and Deborah Maskens founded Kidney Cancer Canada, the country's first patient-led advocacy and survivorship organization for kidney cancer patients. Despite suffering from the disease themselves, they not only helped overwhelmed patients access information, support and treatments, but also played a crucial role in the approval of and funding for life-extending drugs, saving hundreds of lives throughout the country."

Deb Maskens was only 14 when diagnosed with papillary renal cell carcinoma, and 36 when recurrences first began in the abdomen. In all, Deb has had eight major surgeries and has participated in several clinical trials, both in Toronto and at the NIH in Bethesda, MD. She is a co-founder of Kidney Cancer Canada. In addition to her volunteer work with Kidney Cancer Canada, Deb is currently Vice Chair of the International Kidney Cancer Coalition (IKCC) based in the Netherlands.



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**COMEAU, John Allen**  
Sergeant - RCMP  
RCMP – Dismantle Drug Import Cell

MSM  
"C" Division Montréal, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 08 June 2006

**COVEY, Stephen**  
Superintendent - RCMP  
Dismantle Drug Import Cell

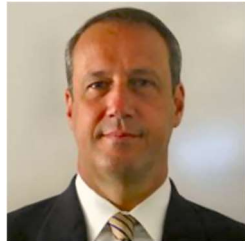
MSM  
"C" Division Montréal, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 08 June 2006

**PATTERSON, David A.**  
Sergeant - RCMP  
Dismantle Drug Import Cell

MSM  
"C" Division Montréal, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 08 June 2006



"RCMP Superintendent Stephen Covey (right) and Sergeants Allen Comeau and Dave Patterson played a crucial role in the Chabanel project, a complex operation that involved Canadian and international partners. Their outstanding service in tough circumstances led to the dismantling of the largest drug import cell in Canada and the subsequent arrest of the criminals involved. Thanks to their efforts, over 22 500 kilograms of illegal narcotics were kept off Canada's streets."

"C" Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which is responsible for the enforcement of federal statutes in Quebec and southeastern Ontario, is proud to be the recipient of the IACP/ChoicePoint Award for Excellence in Criminal Investigations that was awarded to its Montreal Drug Section by the International Association of Chiefs of Police for an operation carried out in the open sea. The RCMP intends to share this award with the Department of National Defence. Approximately fifteen law enforcement agencies from Canada and the United States were honoured last year at the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in New Orleans. They were given awards in recognition of exceptional innovation in policing programs that can be used as models by other agencies worldwide. The RCMP received this award for an operation known as Project "Chabanel", a large-scale investigation that led to the seizure of 22,500 kilograms of hashish and the arrest of three conspirators linked to a criminal organization specializing in hashish smuggling. With these arrests the RCMP also dismantled a drug "import" cell. Moreover, the operation enabled investigators to seize \$195,000. RCMP Criminal Operations Officer, Chief Superintendent François Deschênes, said that he was very proud of this international award and happy with the outcome of this major operation. "Organized crime nowadays is an international problem that knows no borders. Deterring criminal activity by these organizations can only be achieved through an inventive approach. Mobilizing our inter-territorial and governmental resources is now essential.



For the purpose of this investigation, the RCMP Drug Section developed a highly challenging project that was unique in its kind. Since Project "Chabanel" was to take place in the open sea, a vessel had to be chartered to travel for 43 days at sea off the coast of Angola, Africa with a crew made up of investigators. This project could not have been possible without the invaluable assistance of the Department of National Defence, and the Canadian navy. *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Fredericton*, a patrol frigate with over 200 officers and sailors, sailed in support of the RCMP vessel and stood by ready to defend it if necessary. **Commander Gilles Couturier**, (left as RAdm) who **commanded HMCS Fredericton** during the operation, points out that this award is a clear indication of the team spirit that was quickly built between RCMP officers embarked and members of the ship's company. "We formed a team and were ready for any eventuality," he says. "To be recognized at this level only confirms what we already knew: the mission was a success. It is a credit to the professionalism of all of the sailors and RCMP officers involved."



Approximately 250 RCMP officers from Quebec, the Ottawa region, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Saskatchewan took part in the investigation. RCMP liaison officers in England, Morocco, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates and Spain were also called upon for assistance. For more than a year and a half, the investigators of Montreal RCMP Drug Section, assisted by their counterparts in Halifax, carefully worked out every detail of this international police operation.

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**COTTRELL, Andrew**

Mr  
Help Us Help The Children (Ukraine)

MSM  
Toronto, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 1994

**WRZESNEWSKYI, Ruslana A.**

Ms  
Help Us Help The Children (Ukraine)

MSM  
Toronto, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 1994

"In 1994, Andy Cottrell and Ruslana Wrzesnewskyj initiated Help Us Help the Children, a project dedicated to improving the quality of life of orphan children in Ukraine. Over the years, they have provided Ukrainian youth in institutional care with access to school supplies, educational camps and scholarship programs. Their efforts empowered many Ukrainian children to better their lives."



Left to Right: Anka Wrzesnewskyj-Cottrell, Ms. Ruslan Wrzesnewskyj, MSM, Petra Wrzesnewskyj-Cottrell, Sashko Potichniy and Mr. Cottrell MSM



Ruslana Wrzesnewskyj

**Ruslana Wrzesnewskyj, MSM  
Andy Cottrell, MSM**

Ruslana Wrzesnewskyj and her husband Andy Cottrell adopted a child from Ukraine in 1992. Both are appalled at the condition of orphanages in Ukraine and the fate of children residing in them. Ruslana and Andy decided to try to help in some way. In 1993 they began to collect clothing and goods. Humanitarian aid deliveries began on a small scale; goods were packed and stored in garages and delivered in suitcases to Ukraine. In 1994 larger distribution routes were organized with deliveries to approximately 60 orphanages. Small group of volunteers raised funds, packed containers for shipment to the Ukraine. Canadian volunteers accompany shipments and worked with volunteers in Ukraine to deliver aid personally to orphanages. Help Us Help the Children (HUHTC) Project is formalized under the umbrella of the Children of Chernobyl Canadian Fund. HUHTC receives endorsement and support from the Canadian Government (CIDA) in 1995. Help Us Help the Children (HUHTC) Project celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013. HUHTC believes that every child deserves to be treated as a valued individual and to grow up in a loving and caring environment. Give a child hope for the future! Sponsor a child for camp or provide a scholarship! Become a part of our team!

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## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

<b>COWAN, Peter</b> Mr – Canadian Coast Guard Secured an Unmanned Barge Carrying Diesel Fuel in Heavy Seas	MSM Halifax, Nova Scotia	CG: 02 January 2016 GH: 08 July 2016 DOI: 17 December 2014
<b>KELLY, Anthony</b> Mr – Canadian Coast Guard Secured an Unmanned Barge Carrying Diesel Fuel in Heavy Seas	MSM Halifax, Nova Scotia	CG: 02 January 2016 GH: 08 July 2016 DOI: 17 December 2014
<b>SAMSON, Byron Alexander</b> Mr – Canadian Coast Guard Secured an Unmanned Barge Carrying Diesel Fuel in Heavy Seas	MSM Halifax, Nova Scotia	CG: 02 January 2016 GH: 08 July 2016 DOI: 17 December 2014
<b>SEYMOUR, John Alexander</b> Mr – Canadian Coast Guard Secured an Unmanned Barge Carrying Diesel Fuel in Heavy Seas	MSM Halifax, Nova Scotia	CG: 02 January 2016 GH: 08 July 2016 DOI: 17 December 2014
<b>YORK, Paul</b> Mr – Canadian Coast Guard Secured an Unmanned Barge Carrying Diesel Fuel in Heavy Seas	MSM Halifax, Nova Scotia	CG: 02 January 2016 GH: 08 July 2016 DOI: 17 December 2014

“During a fierce winter storm in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canadian Coast Guard members Peter James Cowan, Anthony Kelly, Byron Alexander Samson, John A. Seymour and Paul Joseph York were called to secure an unmanned barge carrying diesel fuel that had been cut loose because of heavy seas. Despite the rough seas, the team worked to avoid an environmental catastrophe by boarding the icy barge, securing it and preventing it from crashing into nearby Henry Island.”





## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**DECHÊNE, Geneviève**

Dr

Established a Medical Team 24-hour-a-day, in-home palliative care services in Verdun

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 21 June 2016

DOI: 2012

"Dedicated to helping patients on their last journey, Dr. Geneviève Dechêne established a medical team that provides on-call, 24-hour-a-day, in-home palliative care services in Verdun. Thanks to this unique program, individuals nearing the end stages of their lives can remain in the comfort of their own homes, surrounded by loved ones and a familiar medical team."



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**ELLIOTT, Elizabeth**

Ms – Professor Simon Fraser University

Founding Co-Director Centre for Restorative Justice at SFU

MSM

Vancouver, British Columbia

**Posthumous**

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 21 June 2016

DOI: 2002

"As a founding co-director of the Centre for Restorative Justice at Simon Fraser University, Dr. Elizabeth Elliott expanded public knowledge and awareness of restorative justice across Canada. She brought together academics, justice officers, prisoners, victims and community members in their restorative journeys, and nurtured community healing and capacity building."



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

### **EMBLIN, Melissa**

Ms  
Project RAD (Réservé aux danseurs)

MSM  
Montréal, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: September 2012

### **PATENAUDE, Marie-Élaine**

Ms  
Project RAD (Réservé aux danseurs)

MSM  
Montréal, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: September 2012

### **PATUELLI, Luca**

Mr  
Project RAD (Réservé aux danseurs)

MSM  
Montréal, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: September 2012



“Sharing a passion for dance and an interest in recreational programs for youth with special needs, Melissa Emblin, Marie- Élaine Patenaude and Luca “Lazylegz” Patuelli founded Project RAD (Réservé aux danseurs). This organization gives people with various disabilities an opportunity to take urban dance classes. They also train dance instructors, help existing dance studios become more accessible to special needs clientele, and deliver dance workshops in schools, youth centres and hospitals.”



Melissa Emblin M.S.M., Marie-Élaine Patenaude, M.S.M., and Luca “Lazylegz” Patuelli, M.S.M.



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**FISHER, Allison**

Ms

Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health

**OOnt MSM**

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 1994

"As the executive director of the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, Allison Fisher has brought together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to build healthy and inclusive communities. Under her leadership, the Centre has experienced significant growth and has become a place of belonging and a caring community for Ottawa's Aboriginal population."



Allison Fisher, of the First Nation community of Wikwemikong, is the Executive Director of Ottawa's Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health.



Alison Fisher M.S.M. with Barbara Farber and Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau.

**FOURNIER, L. Jean**

Mr

Chair CF Liaison Council Quebec

**CM CQ MSM**

Trois-Rivières, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 2004 to 2015

"For the past 11 years, Jean Fournier has volunteered as chair of the Canadian Armed Forces Liaison Council for Quebec. In this role, he was instrumental in changing Quebec's Act respecting labour standards to provide job protection to Quebec reservists and in raising public awareness of the Reserve Force's vital role in protecting our country."



Awarded **Member of the Order of Canada (CM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 16 April 2002 for tree planting and felling.

Awarded **Serving Brother of the Order of St. John (MStJ)** in 2009.

Awarded **Chevalier of Ordre de Quebec (CQ)** in 2006.

**Medals:** CM – MStJ – CQ - MSM (Civil) – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**GICZI, James J.**  
Sergeant  
RCMP – Database Tire Mark Matches

MSM  
Whitehorse, Yukon

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 2007



"RCMP Sergeant James Giczi identified the need for a central resource to conduct searches for tire mark matches. Through countless hours of work on his own time, he conceptualized, built and maintained a comprehensive database. Thanks to his efforts, the database is now used regularly by the RCMP, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Sûreté du Québec and other municipal police services."

**Medals:** MSM (civil) – RCMP LS&GC

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**GORE, Gordon Ross**  
Mr – Teacher  
Founding the Big Little Science Centre in Kamloops, B.C.

MSM  
Kamloops, British Columbia

CG: 02 January 2016  
BC GH: 18 March 2016 \*  
DOI: 2000  
Presented on: 18 March 2016

"A lifelong science educator, Gordon Gore initiated, operated and expanded a hands-on science hub called the BIG Little Science Centre. His dedication to sparking children's curiosity, imagination and inventiveness has ignited a passion for science in his community."

**Medals:** MSM – EIIR Diamond Jubilee

\* **MSM** presented to Mr. Gordon Gore by the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia The Honourable Judith Guichon on 18 March 2016 in Kamloops.



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**GRAVELLE, Erin**

Ms

Limited the Fire on the Sail Training Vessel *Fair Jeanne*

MSM

Vancouver, British Columbia

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 29 February 2016

DOI: 12 July 2007

"On July 12, 2007, the Sail Training Vessel *Fair Jeanne* suffered an engine room fire. Twenty-year-old civilian instructor Erin Gravelle not only helped limit the fire's spread by organizing a water brigade, but she also reassured and attended to 28 young cadets during the crisis. As a result of her courageous actions, no lives were lost."



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**HAPTON, Sharon**

Ms

CEO and Founder – Soup Sisters

MSM

Calgary

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 29 February 2016

DOI: March 2009

"Sharon Hapton is the driving force behind Soup Sisters, a community building program which has spread across seven Canadian provinces and in two locations in the United States. Through this program, volunteers come together to cook for victims of domestic and family violence. In dire times, the warmth and comfort provided by a nurturing bowl of soup reinforces the collective message that "we care".



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**HINKSMAN, Ian**

Mr

Founded the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society

MSM

Victoria, British Columbia

CG: 02 January 2016

BC GH: 13 April 2016

DOI: Incorporated 1991



"Ian Hinksman founded the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society to help Aboriginal persons with disabilities connect with various service agencies. Together with band leaders from throughout the province, he developed inclusive, culturally sensitive programs and services for the betterment of Aboriginal communities."

**MSM** presented to Mr. Ian Hinksman by the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia Judith Guichon on 13 April 2016.

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**JUNEAU, Joé**

Mr

NHL player Boston Bruins – Creator of Nunavik Youth Hockey Development Program

MSM

Saint-Raymond, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 2006

“Former National Hockey League player Joé Juneau was the driving force behind the creation of the Nunavik Youth Hockey Development Program, which encourages Inuit youth to pursue their studies, develop life skills and stay healthy. Thanks to his dedication, kids are inspired to build a better future for themselves. The program is now available in all 14 villages throughout Nunavik and has over 600 participating youth.”

In 2006, Makivik and the Kativik Regional Government initiated the NYHDP, to uniformly develop a regional minor hockey structure in the context of crime prevention campaign, and as a way to promote education, physical activities, and healthy lifestyles for the youth of Nunavik. Adminstrated and developed in collaboration with former NHL player and Olympian Joé Juneau, the program is offered to all 14 communities in Nunavik.



Boston Bruins, Washington Capitals, Buffalo Sabres, Ottawa Senators, Phoenix Coyotes, and Montreal Canadians.

Games: 828, Goals: 156, Assists: 416 Points: 572 PIM: 272 - Regular Season

Games: 112, Goals: 25, Assists: 54 Points: 75 PIM: 69 - Playoffs





## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

### KERR, Deborah

Ms – Officer with the Canada Border Service Agency  
Uncovered 20 human trafficking victims in the Hamilton area

MSM  
Caledonia, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 21 June 2016  
DOI: Spring 2009



"Deborah Kerr, an officer with the Canada Border Services Agency, uncovered 20 human trafficking victims in the Hamilton area. Through her tenacious work, she was instrumental in setting the victims free and bringing the largest human trafficking case in Canada's history to justice."



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### LEGAULT, Pierre

Mr  
Founder of the thrift store Renaissance in Montreal

MSM  
Dorval, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 21 June 2016  
DOI: 1994



"In 1994, Pierre Legault had a vision to provide a means for disadvantaged and unemployed Montréalers to reintegrate themselves into the workforce. As founder of the thrift store Renaissance, he has expanded the chain from a single shop into 10 locations including a distribution and sorting centre, as well as a mobile collection trailer. He now provides retail skills training and employment to over 200 people per year."

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## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

### LAGACÉ, Gregory M.

Mr – Sergeant (retired) Canadian Forces  
Co-Founder “Soldier On” for CF

MSM  
Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 2006



“Gregory Lagacé is the co-founder and manager of *Soldier On*, a Canadian Armed Forces program that supports active members and veterans while they overcome illness or injury. Through physical activities and sports, *Soldier On* has helped members develop new skills and build confidence in their abilities. It has also given Canadians a direct way to support their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration.”



### LAMBERT, Jenna Brianne

Ms  
Solo Swim Across Lake Ontario

MSM  
Kingston, Ontario  
Age 15

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 19 July 20016

“At the age of 15, Jenna Lambert became the first woman with a physical disability to complete a solo swim of 34 kilometres across Lake Ontario. Through her courage and determination, she not only raised money for and awareness of the YMCA’s Y Knot Abilities programs, but also inspired children and youth with physical disabilities to surpass their limitations.”

Jenna Brianne Lambert entered her first swim competition at age 10 though she never entered the pool. When Jenna first touched the tile deck of Queen’s University pool in Kingston, she found herself worrying about what people would think of her disability and the scars on her legs from four separate operations. She burst into tears and returned to the change room. For the rest of the year Jenna showed up at every swim meet – yet refused to get into the water. But the following year – Jenna overcame her reservations and not only got into the water but went to her coach, herself a record-breaking marathon swimmer, and said she wanted to do the Lake Ontario crossing even though cerebral palsy had made her legs too stiff to kick in water. Her coach told her to come back when she was 15 and ... she did! When the morning of July, 2006 came – Jenna entered the cold, tumultuous waters for the 32-kilometer swim. Jenna’s swim teammates, some with wheelchairs and walkers, camped out all day on the beach to wait for her to walk away from the finish line in her silver walker. But as night fell, the wind picked up and changed course, forcing Jenna to swim into 14-knot winds and rolling waves that reached heights of 1.5 metres. But Jenna insisted on pushing forward. To pass the time – Jenna sang or paused to speak with supporters using a method taught by her coach: one word for each time she turned her head to take a breath. And after 32 hours and 18 minutes – pushing harder and harder – young Jenna came ashore! “It’s such a great feeling! I’m doing this for all the Penguins and all of my friends so I can influence and raise awareness on just what people with disabilities can accomplish.” Jenna raised \$200,000 plus.



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**LEMON, David**

MSM

CG: 02 January 2016

Mr

Vancouver

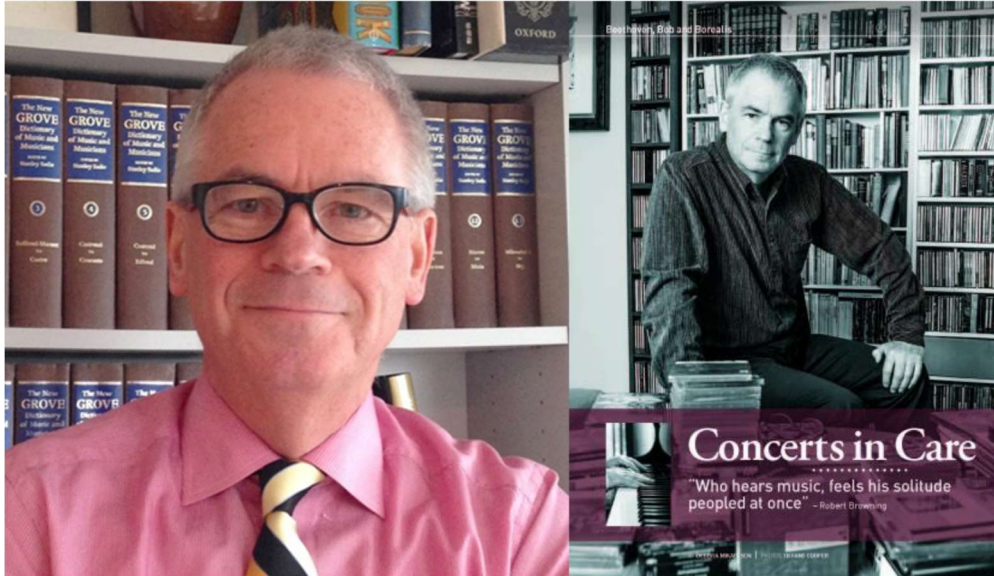
GH: 29 February 2016

Founder Health Arts Society - Music to residents of palliative & long-term care facilities

DOI: 04 January 2006

“David Lemon, who founded Health Arts Society, is committed to bringing world-class music to residents of palliative and long-term care facilities. The Concerts in Care have a positive influence on their well-being. Thanks to his vision, this program has evolved into a network of six sister organizations serving audiences in care across Canada.”

David was the owner of the *Magic Flute Records Shop* on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Vancouver.



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**LYS, Candice**

Ms / Honorary Captain(N) RCN

Co-Founder Fostering Open eXpression among Youth (FOXY)

MSM

Northwest Territories and Nunavut

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 18 November 2016

DOI: 2012

**MacNEILL, Nancy**

Ms

Co-Founder Fostering Open eXpression among Youth (FOXY)

MSM

Northwest Territories and Nunavut

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 18 November 2016

DOI: 2012

"Northerners Candice Lys and Nancy MacNeill co-founded Fostering Open eXpression among Youth (FOXY). Through life-changing workshops and peer leader retreats, they have empowered youth and especially girls in the Northwest Territories to freely express their sexual health and relationship challenges, acquire new skills to make healthy life choices, and share lessons learned with their communities. Thanks to FOXY, youth play an active role in building stronger communities in the North."



**Honorary Captain(N)**

**Candice Lys, MSM, PhD, MA**

His Majesty's Canadian Ship  
*Yellowknife*, home port of  
Esquimalt



Candice Lys

Nancy McNeill

FOXY (Fostering Open eXpression among Youth) is a totally new way of talking with young women about sexual health, sexuality, and relationships. By putting the decision making back in their hands, no one is being told what to do, or what is right or wrong – everyone is being given the tools they need to make the best decisions for themselves. FOXY uses traditional beading, theatre, digital storytelling, photography, and music to help teenage girls express their knowledge, opinions, and questions about health and love (and everything in between). With a strong focus on sexual health and empowered decision-making, girls across the North get to know themselves a little bit better and learn through the arts.



Candice and Nancy

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**MacLEOD, Kenneth Randal**

Mr

Founder of Sistema New Brunswick - Music for Disadvantaged Children

MSM

Moncton, New Brunswick

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 2009



"As the founder of Sistema New Brunswick, Kenneth Randal MacLeod has instilled the joy of playing music in many disadvantaged children from urban and rural milieus. By offering free music lessons and instruments, he has not only given children the opportunity to learn new skills, but he has also inspired them to set new goals in life."

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**MATTHEY, René ("Ray")**

Mr

Matthey-Saunders Breast Cancer Research Foundation

MSM

Ottawa, Ontario

**Posthumous**

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 21 June 2016

DOI: 1995

**SAUNDERS-MATTHEY, Susanne**

Ms

Founded the Matthey Saunders Breast Cancer Research Foundation **Posthumous**

MSM

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 21 June 2016

DOI: 1995

"Following the death of their daughter, René L. Matthey and Mary Suzanne Saunders-Matthey initiated the Saunders-Matthey Foundation for Breast Cancer Research to fund patient access to complementary treatment options. When breast cancer claimed his wife as well, Mr. Matthey renewed his commitment by teaming up with the Breast Cancer Prevention Coalition, all while waging his own battle with cancer. Their legacy lives on through the generous donation of his estate to fund research grants aimed at finding a cure."

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## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**McGUIRE, David**

Mr

A Run to Remember – St. John's to Victoria by a Brain Injury Survivor

MSM

New Westminster

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 29 February 2016

DOI: 31 March to 09 December 2011

"David McGuire, a brain injury survivor, suffers from short-term memory loss. Despite his daily struggle to remember the run he had completed the day before, he succeeded in running a marathon every day for eight months to raise awareness of brain injury and its prevention. His journey, A Run to Remember, began in St. John's and ended in Victoria, and connected thousands of Canadians along the way."



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

<b>McKEEVER, Brian</b>	MSM	CG: 02 January 2016
Mr	Canmore, Alberta	GH: 21 June 2016
Para-Nordic Winter Games Gold Medal Winner in Cross-Country Skiing		DOI: 2002 and 2006

<b>McKEEVER, Robin</b>	MSM	CG: 02 January 2016
Mr	Canmore, Alberta	GH: 21 June 2016
Para-Nordic Ski Coach for Cross Country Canada and Brian McKeever Sighted Guide		DOI: 2001 to 2006

“Skiing together since childhood, brothers Brian and Robin McKeever achieved a hard-won synchronicity—Brian as a visually impaired Nordic skier and Robin as his sighted guide—which brought them triple gold medals at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Together, they pushed the boundaries of both the Paralympic and Olympic games and altered the lines which had segregated able-bodied and disabled athletes.”



Brian (left) and Robin (right) McKeever



Robin (left) and Brian (right) McKeever

Since 2001, Robin McKeever has been the sighted guide for his brother Brian McKeever. The brothers won two gold and one silver at the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. At the 2006 Games in Torino, he and his brother took two gold, one silver, and a bronze medal in cross-country skiing and biathlon. Robin is also the Para-Nordic ski coach for Cross Country Canada since November 2010.



Brian McKeever

Governor-General

Robin McKeever



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**NAGANO, Kent**

Mr

Music Director of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra

MSM

Montreal, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 24 May 2018 \*

DOI: 2006 to present (2016)

"As the music director of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal (OSM), Kent Nagano rejuvenated the OSM, increasing its profile worldwide and instilling a sense of pride into the City of Montréal. He has toured with the orchestra, travelling from Yellowknife through Nunavik to St. John's, showcasing music as a source of cultural dialogue and as an outlet to creating unity in diversity."



\* Presented by the Governor General, The Honourable Julie Payette, at an OSM concert on 24 May 2018.



**NGUYEN, Paul**

Mr

Work in Toronto Jan-Finch Community

**MSM OMC**

Toronto, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 2004

"Committed to breaking down attitudinal barriers isolating the Jane-Finch community, a low-income, ethnically diverse area in Toronto, Paul Nguyen created an inspirational website. Through the site, as well as through his collaborative work with the police and other community partners, he has empowered the community by giving a voice to marginalized residents, creating a sense of pride, and fostering positive change."

Awarded **Ontario Medal of Citizenship (OMC)** in 2010.



**Medals:** MSC (civil) – OMC – Sovereign's Medal for Volunteerism - EIIR Diamond Jubilee

A Canadian filmmaker, award-winning social activist, journalist and founder of Jane-Finch.com, an inspirational website.

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS**

<b>PETERSON, Benjamin (“Ben”)</b> Mr Co-Founded Journalists for Human Rights (JHR)	MSM Caledonia, Ontario	CG: 02 January 2016 GH: 21 June 2016 DOI: 2002
<b>SICOTTE-LÉVESQUE, Alexandra</b> Ms Co-Founded Journalists for Human Rights (JHR)	MSM Montréal, PQ & Brooklyn, New York	CG: 02 January 2016 GH: 21 June 2016 DOI: 2002



“In 2002, Ben Peterson and Alexandra Sicotte-Lévesque created Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) to build the capacity of African media to report objectively and effectively on human rights issues. JHR has since worked in 23 countries, including Canada, and has trained more than 13 000 journalists and students to cover human rights stories and governance issues in their communities.”



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**REES, Owen Maxwell**

Mr  
Supreme Court Advocacy Institute

MSM  
Toronto, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 2006

**WEBBER, Grégoire Charles**

Mr  
Supreme Court Advocacy Institute

MSM  
Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 2006

“After two years of groundwork, Supreme Court law clerks Owen Rees and Grégoire Webber established the Supreme Court Advocacy Institute as a resource for both novice and experienced counsel appearing before the Supreme Court of Canada. The Institute increases the effectiveness and the quality of advocacy before the Court, and ultimately improves access to justice for all Canadians.”



Owen Maxwell Rees, MSM      GG David Johnston      Grégoire Charles Webber, MSM

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## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**RIVEST, Véronique**

Ms

1<sup>st</sup> Woman Podium World's Sommelier

MSM

Gatineau, Quebec

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: March 2013



"Winner of several prestigious sommelier awards, Véronique Rivest is the first woman to ever make the podium of the World's Best Sommelier award. Through her passion and success, she has encouraged other women to join this previously male-dominated profession and has shared her knowledge through wine education in Canada and beyond."

### **Véronique Rivest, MSM**

Véronique Rivest truly is in a class of her own. A seasoned wine specialist, she won her firsts *Quebec's Best Sommelier* and *Canada's Best Sommelier* in 2006. She is chosen to represent Canada at the *2007 World's Best Sommelier* competition in Greece and manage to crack the top twelve. Later in 2007, she wins the Wine Woman Awards in Paris and receives the title of Wine Woman 2007. In 2009, she ends up second in *Americas' Best Sommelier*. In April 2010, she again represents Canada at the *World's Best Sommelier* and again concludes with an admirable top twelve finish. During the same competition, she received the coveted *Peter Lehman Shiraz World Sommelier Award*. In 2010, she represented Canada at the *Wines of South Africa Sommelier World Cup* where she finished in third place. In 2012, she won the *Canada's Best Sommelier* contest for the second time in as many editions! Following this success, she wins *Americas' Best Sommelier* in Brazil in October of the same year and goes on to a second-place finish in the *2013 World's Best Sommelier* contest in Tokyo, becoming the first ever woman to reach a podium in the competition. In 2014, she



opened *SOIF Bar à Vin* in Gatineau, a wine bar where customers are welcomed to share, discuss and learn with a cup in hand. Not only is Véronique a renowned wine specialist, but she also has remarkable communicating skills which she has honed during her twenty-plus-year career in the catering, vocational and academic training, hosting as well as personal and business consulting. Aside from her prominent role as a sommelier, she shares her knowledge as a wine chronicler on CBC radio in Ottawa/Gatineau and in the pages of *La Presse* and can be seen and heard in numerous other magazines, radio shows and TV shows. Beyond this impressive list of exploits, Véronique is still a simple and fun person whose only dream is to share her appreciation of wine with everyone.

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## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**RUSSO, Louise**

Ms

Working Against Violence (W.A.V.E.)

MSM

Toronto, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 2009

"A survivor of a shooting that left her paralysed, Louise Russo founded Working Against Violence Everywhere (W.A.V.E). Every year, five Louise Russo Youth Awards and three Leadership Awards in the form of bursaries are given to students for their anti-violence initiatives. Through her immense courage and commitment, she has inspired many people to take action in building safer communities."

### **Louise Russo, MSM**



It was a very ordinary day in 2004. Louise Russo walked into a shop to get a sandwich for her daughter and it was the last time she would ever walk again. The mother of three was the innocent victim of a violent crime, when a single bullet shattered her spine and left her paralyzed forever. Mrs. Russo was determined that this senseless act of violence would have a positive outcome and created a grass roots not-for-profit organization, Louise Russo W.A.V.E. (Working Against Violence Everyday), that received its charitable status in 2009. Mrs. Russo works diligently at inspiring youth and members of the community to take action, make positive choices and initiate projects that will make their schools and communities a safer place to live, learn and play. Louise encourages community and business leaders, educators, students and organizations to come together and take a visible stand against violence in their communities by recognizing youth that exemplify the 3R's – Respect, Responsibility and the Role of leadership through initiatives that promotes positive behaviour.

Her contributions were acknowledged in 2008 with the YMCA Peace Medallion Award and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, Toronto Secondary Unit Award of Recognition. Additionally in 2008, Louise also received the Attorney General's Victim Services Award of Distinction for her courage, determination and commitment to encouraging youth to support their communities. Furthermore, in 2010 she was appointed to be a board member for the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), an independent agency that advises the Attorney General of Ontario on victim's issues; became a Proud Olympic Flame Torch Bearer for the Vancouver 2012 Olympics, and was asked to represent the citizens of Ontario at the swearing in ceremony of Canada's Lieutenant Governor, David Johnston, in Ottawa.

In 2013, Ms. Russo was honoured with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and in 2014 was the recipient of Ontario Lt. Governor's Community Volunteer Award. Although she was a victim of violent crime, Louise decided to make the best of life and to not be consumed by its obstacles. She wants to inspire others, especially young people, to make good choices early in life.

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**RUTA, Michael**

Mr

Established the Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association

MSM

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 21 June 2017

DOI: 1997

"In 1997, Michael Ruta established the Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association, a structured league for Winnipeg youth living in both urban and rural areas. Today, the league is a fixture of civic life that provides thousands of young athletes with an opportunity to participate in this sport and to lead healthy, active lives."

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## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**SAINT-DENIS, Félix**

Mr

Creator and Artistic Director of *L'Echo d'un peuple*

MSM

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 21 June 2016

DOI: 13 September 2013



"An advocate of Francophone culture and history, Félix Saint-Denis is the creator and artistic director of *L'Echo d'un peuple*. This unique stage show depicted 400 years of Francophone history in Canada and involved more than 1,500 volunteers. Mini-productions are still presented in Francophone schools and communities throughout Ontario, preserving this important part of Canadian heritage."

The performances took place at 19:30 pm on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 September 2013 at the Shenkman Arts Centre (245 Centrum Boulevard in Orléans).

**SAMPSON, Tom**

Mr – Calgary Emergency management Agency

Served as Emergency Operations Centre Manager during the Slave Lake Wildfire Crisis

MSM

Chestermere, Alberta

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 2011



"Tom Sampson, of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency served as the Emergency Operations Centre manager during the Slave Lake wildfire crisis in 2011. He not only made the right decisions under demanding circumstances, but also helped evacuees return safely to their homes and businesses much sooner than anticipated."

**Medals:** MSM – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – Alberta Centennial

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**STEVENS, Michael**

Mr

Founder of ArtsCan Circle in Sarnia

MSM

Sarnia, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 21 June 2016

DOI: 2002

"Mike Stevens, an internationally renowned harmonica player, founded ArtsCan Circle on the premise that self-expression builds self-esteem. Through this innovative program, volunteer musicians and artists travel to isolated Indigenous communities in northern Ontario and Labrador to deliver musical instruments and to engage children and youth in workshops on the arts, fostering self-expression and strengthening their connection with the larger community."



**SUTHERLAND, Kimberley ("Kim") D.**

Mr

Street Culture Kidz Project Regina

MSM

Regina, Saskatchewan

CG: 02 January 2016

GH: 08 December 2015

DOI: 1997

"For the past 18 years, Kim Sutherland has shown enthusiasm and commitment in providing at-risk youth with support to better their lives. He founded Street Culture Kidz Project in 1997; since then, the organization has been providing housing, work experience, skill development and education programming to vulnerable youth."

**Medals:** MSM – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

### SWICK, Lloyd Allan

Mr – Officer Calgary Highlanders and PPCLI  
Animals in war Dedication Project

MSM CD  
Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 2012



“Lloyd Allan Swick, a veteran of the Second World War and the Korean War, was the driving force behind the Animals in War Dedication Project, which commemorates the sacrifices made by animals used by Canadian Armed Forces personnel in times of war. The memorial was unveiled in 2012, as part of Ottawa’s national monuments.”

During the Second World War, Lloyd Swick was an officer in the Calgary Highlanders. He served in action as a platoon commander, company second-in-command, and company commander as his unit moved from Normandy, through the Channel Ports and Belgium and into the Netherlands. He took part in the liberation of many Dutch cities and villages, including Xanten, Ulf, Doetinchem, Apeldoorn, Nunspeet and Groningen. After the war, he completed a BSc at the University of Manitoba.

Like the other veterans studying and starting young families, he and Doris, his soul mate and bright light, lived in the veterans' area on the campus. Many years later Lloyd gathered recollections about these times and published Stories from Veterans Village. Upon graduation, he re-enrolled in the Army, joining the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He became a paratrooper and commanded a company in Korea with the 1st Battalion.

In his career with the PPCLI, he was stationed across Canada and served in Haiti, and in India and Pakistan as a United Nations Observer. His service in Korea gave him another level of insight into the hardships of life for many. Later he wrote a beautiful poem emblematic of the love he felt for the Korean people and his hope for the children. At the end of his military career, he entered the public service—National Defence, Environment Canada and Emergency Preparedness. Lloyd's industriousness did not end with retirement.

In 2002, he was selected to welcome Princess Margriet of the Netherlands when she visited Ottawa, her birthplace. He was awarded a Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation in 2005 for his work, particularly with the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre. Lloyd was selected as a representative of the veterans of the Liberation of the Netherlands to participate as a member of the Veterans Affairs Canada delegations, which visited the Netherlands in May of 2005 and 2015. Lloyd was a devoted husband to the love of his life, Doris. He was captivated by the idea of a Canadian monument to honour animals in war and spearheaded a campaign to create such a memorial. The Animals in War Dedication monument in Ottawa's Confederation Park was unveiled on Nov. 2, 2012. Lloyd Allan Swick passed away on January 14, 2017,



**Medals:** MSC (Civil) – France and Germany Star – CVSM & Clasp – 1939/1945 War – Canadian Korea - Canadian Korean Volunteer - Peacekeeping – UN Korea - UNMOGIP (Pakistan) – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar

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## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**TAYLOR, Jowi**

Mr  
Six String Nation Voyageur Guitar

MSM  
Toronto, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH: 08 December 2015  
DOI: 1995

"Jowi Taylor is the driving force behind the Six String Nation and its centrepiece, the Voyageur guitar. He has travelled coast to coast to coast with this unique, handcrafted symbol of Canada's rich cultural diversity. With each stop at schools, community centres and public events, Canadians are invited to pose or perform with Voyageur and to come together in a celebration of music and song."



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**TOWNDALE, Angelo**

Mr - Children's Aid Society Executive Director in  
Driving force for fundraising for the local Children's Treatment Center in Cornwall, Ontario

MSM  
Cornwall, Ontario

CG: 02 January 2016  
GH:  
DOI: 1995

Not yet awarded in July 2018.

**Medals:** MSM (civil) – Golden Jubilee – Diamond Jubilee



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**VEEVEE, Rebecca**

MSM

CG: 02 January 2016

Ms

Iqaluit, Nunavut and Saint-Étienne-de-Lauzon, Quebec

GH: 08 December 2015

Inuit TV Cooking Show Niqitsiat, which means "healthy cooking" in Inuktituk

DOI: 11 September 2011 start



"Dedicated to promoting a return to traditional Inuit foods, Rebecca Veevee is the host and chef of the popular Inuit TV cooking show "Niqitsiat", which means "healthy cooking" in Inuktituk. Through her program, she has demonstrated a commitment to combatting a growing epidemic of diseases related to poor nutrition in northern communities."

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## MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**WOOLSTENCROFT, Lauren**

MSM

CG: 02 January 2016

Ms

GH: 29 February 2016

8 Paralympic Titles in Alpine Skiing – 5 Gold Medals at 2010 Paralympic Games

DOI: 15,17,18,19 and 20 March 2010

“From an early age, Lauren Woolstencroft was determined to excel in everything she did. She has since become the first and only Canadian to win eight Paralympic titles as an alpine skier, with five gold medals at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Paralympics alone. Through her extraordinary performance, she brought Paralympic alpine ski to a new level and captured the public imagination by showcasing the speed and skill inherent in her sport.”

