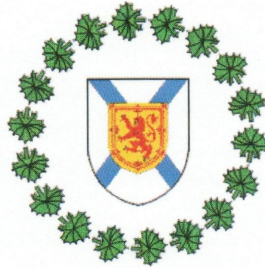


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LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR--Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award Winners Announced

Four communities from Cape Breton to Digby County were announced today, March 17, as the first recipients of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Awards.

The communities of Clare, Digby Co., Annapolis Royal, Annapolis Co., Tatamagouche, Colchester Co., and Port Morien, Cape Breton Regional Municipality, were selected from 19 nominations, all of which showed a high degree of community collaboration and strength.

"The 19 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."

The award was launched last year 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 absolutely delighted with the tremendous response to the awards," said Lt.-Gov. Francis. "It is my great hope that the four communities selected for these inaugural awards will become examples for others to follow."

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 2009 awards, providing them with feedback on their 2008 submissions to help.

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