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Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Awards Call for Nominations

The Department of Environment and Conservation is seeking nominations for the 20th Annual Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Awards. The awards are designed to recognize and celebrate the inspiring actions of individuals, groups, organizations and businesses that are helping to protect, improve and sustain Newfoundland and Labrador's environment.

"Newfoundlanders and Labradorians demonstrate great leadership and initiative when it comes to taking positive action to sustain and enhance our province's environment," said the Honourable Charlene Johnson, Minister of Environment and Conservation. "The annual awards program is an opportunity to formally thank and recognize these individuals for their outstanding efforts."

The environmental awards will be presented in six categories: Individual (19 years or older); Community Group or Organization; Youth, Youth Group or School (18 years or younger); Municipality or Regional Waste Management Committee; Business or Industry Leader; and Lifetime Achievement. Winners will be recognized for their accomplishments at the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Awards ceremony which will take place during Environment Week, May 31-June 6. The deadline for nominations is May 1.

"Throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, individuals are putting their words into action in their own backyards, schools, communities and workplaces to protect Newfoundland and Labrador's environment," said Mike Samson, the Multi-Material Stewardship Board (MMSB) Interim Chair and CEO. "We are honoured to be involved in this initiative and to provide each winner with a \$1,000 honorarium to be used to further their environmental project or donate in their name to an environmental organization or cause."

"The Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes are proud to be a partner in the annual environmental awards program," said Barbara Taylor, President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes. "We realize that the stewardship of our environment is the responsibility of every citizen, and we encourage everyone to consider nominating individuals and groups for an award."

The Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Awards Program is a joint initiative of the Department of Environment and Conservation, the MMSB and the Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes.

For further information or to obtain a nomination form, please visit www.gov.nl.ca/env or call 709-729-5783.

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