



# News Release

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The County of Peterborough invites nominations for the County of Peterborough 2012 Recognition Awards.

Nominations will be accepted for any resident or group residing in the County of Peterborough who has raised the profile or made an extraordinary contribution to our community. The nominee shall not have received a County of Peterborough Recognition Award for a similar category within the last ten years. Unless otherwise indicated, there shall be one award for each Township in each category.

Nominations will be received in the following categories:

- **Accessibility Recognition:** A group, individual or business who has contributed to accessibility improvements within the County of Peterborough. (One County-wide award.)
- **Acts of Heroism:** An individual who has displayed bravery in the face of personal risk, injury or death at an incident that took place either in the County of Peterborough or was to the benefit of a Peterborough County resident. (Unlimited nominations.)
- **Agricultural Leadership:** Any individual or farm enterprise is eligible to be nominated in this category. Factors that will be used to assess the nomination will include such items as innovations, agricultural promotion and the recognition brought to the County through its operation. It may include involvement in agricultural organizations. Leadership in the agricultural community will also be considered.
- **Business Leadership / Entrepreneurial Innovation:** Any new and successful initiatives of both new and established businesses that have made outstanding contributions to the County, including tourism promotion.

- **Community Volunteer of the Year:** Any group or individual who has demonstrated community involvement or volunteerism within the County.
- **Environmental Recognition:** An individual or group who has developed innovative green technologies or started businesses to support and encourage sustainable living, donated conservation lands or easements or have undertaken ecosystem restoration or research and/or have educated others about the importance of protecting the environment. (Maximum of one County-wide award.)
- **Heritage Preservation:** An individual or group who has promoted heritage and preserves the history of Peterborough County. This could include, but is not limited to, Fairboards, Women's Institutes, historical societies, etc. A community, public or private organization which has reached a significant milestone such as 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization is also eligible for this award.
- **Leadership in Arts and Culture:** A group or individual who has demonstrated excellence in the arts and brought recognition to the County.
- **Sporting Excellence:** Any team or individual who has won a provincial, national or international sporting event. (One County-wide award.)
- **Youth:** A person aged 25 years or younger who has contributed to the betterment of the community and/or school environment.

Nomination forms are available throughout the County at the County of Peterborough offices located at 470 Water Street, Peterborough, from any Local Municipal Office, Township Fire Chiefs, local Police Service Boards, libraries throughout the County, area Chambers of Commerce. This year, Nomination Forms can be completed online at the County website [www.county.peterborough.on.ca](http://www.county.peterborough.on.ca). Nominations will be accepted up to and including March 15, 2012.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Peterborough County Awards and Bursaries Committee in April. The Committee's recommendations will be considered by County Council and the names of the recipients will be announced in May.

The Recognition Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre, 20 Concession Street, Lakefield, Ontario K0L 2H0.

The County Clerk and Deputy Clerk are available to answer your questions and may be contacted at 705-743-0380 or 1-800-710-9586 or by email: [info@county.peterborough.on.ca](mailto:info@county.peterborough.on.ca)