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## **Jim Greenland and Dan Maher, Co-Winners Mount Pearl Citizen of the Year**

**MOUNT PEARL, NL** – Congratulations to **Jim Greenland and Dan Maher** Mount Pearl's newest co-winners for Citizen of the Year. Mount Pearl's 2014 Citizen of the Year Ceremony was held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Reid Community Centre in partnership with the Kinsmen Club of Mount Pearl and in conjunction with 2015 Volunteer Week. Selected annually, the Citizen of the Year is chosen from nominations received from community groups for this prestigious award. The 2014 nominees included: Joan Benson, Jim Greenland, Dave Lythgoe, Dan Maher, Gary Martin, and Keith White.

*"The City of Mount Pearl has long been a better place to live because of the outstanding contributions by our many volunteers. The amount of community work that the volunteer sector coordinates each and every year is truly remarkable,"* says Mayor Simms. *"Community organizations and volunteers such as the 2014 nominees continue to have a lasting effect on the citizens of our fine City!"*

*"The City extends many thanks to all those who took the time to nominate such worthy community citizen volunteers,"* says Mayor Simms. *"Congratulations to Jim Greenland and Dan Maher and all the nominees who have made an outstanding contribution towards improving the social, leisure, health and well being of Mount Pearl citizens."*

### **BACKGROUNDER: Biography of 2014 Citizen of the Year Recipients Jim Greenland and Dan Maher**

**Jim Greenland** is a resident of Mount Pearl and has been a tireless volunteer in the community for many years. Jim was nominated by the Compass Shrine Club and the Father John B. Kent Council #6638, Knights of Columbus.

Jim has been involved with the Frosty Festival for over 15 years and had served as Chairperson for 6 years.

Jim has been a Member of the Board for the Children's Wish Foundation for 23 years, with 10 years as Provincial Chairperson, and 9 years on the National Board. During his term, Jim was successful in helping to form a chapter in Mount Pearl.

Jim has served for 20 years as a member of the Masonic Lodge Saint Andrew 1139. He joined the Mazol Shriners in 1996 and held a number of positions and chaired many events raising funds for the Shriners Children's Hospital. He currently holds the position of Director. Jim is also a charter member of the Mount Pearl Compass Shrine which is a supporting club of the Mazol Shriners.

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Jim joined the Mount Pearl Kinsmen in 1971 and held many positions including President. He is a Charter Member of the Mount Pearl K-40 Club, which is an organization of past members of the Kinsmen Club and has served as President for the past 6 years.

Jim volunteers his services at concerts for Mary Queen of the World Church and regularly visits senior homes and outlying communities providing music and entertainment. Jim has been affiliated with the Father John B. Kent Council for more than 30 years.

Jim has been a great supporter of the community and is not a passive volunteer – he takes it on and gets it done. Jim takes on roles in a humble way and never looks for recognition.

**Dan Maher** has been a resident of Mount Pearl since 1975, and was nominated by the Provincial Referees Committee.

Dan currently serves on the Provincial Referee Committee and during 2014 Dan mentored many young officials in the Mount Pearl Soccer Association, Under 8 and Under 10 House Leagues as well as games in the metro area, Labrador City and Harbour Grace/Carbonear. The mission of the Provincial Referee Committee is to provide direction and leadership to the Provincial Referee Program which is accomplished by providing referee training and assessing at all levels within the province.

For the past eight years, Dan has been a referee assessor, certified by the Canadian Soccer Association and has assessed national and local officials at the national soccer tournament held in Mount Pearl during 2014.

During 2014 Dan was Chairperson of the Special Olympics in Mount Pearl. He served on the Provincial Regional Leadership Committee and initiated a new young athletes program. He initiated the first ever Athlete Leadership Program Photography Workshop for Special Olympic athletes and continues to provide volunteer photography coverage of special events.

Dan was also awarded the grade of Serving Member in the Order of St. John, which is one of only five recognized Orders in Canada. Dan has voluntarily provided first aid training to coaches within Special Olympics. Dan was also inducted into the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame in the Builder Category.

Dan may be best known in his role as a photographer in Mount Pearl. He continues to document Mount Pearl's history in photographs and volunteers his abilities for many groups and organizations within the City. Dan has been an active volunteer in Mount Pearl since 1976.

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