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BEST IN MOUNT PEARL AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Mount Pearl, NL – The City of Mount Pearl hosted the Best in Mount Pearl Awards Ceremony at the Reid Community Centre last night, celebrating residents and community groups whose dedication, leadership, and service continue to strengthen the city.

Mayor Dave Aker congratulated this year’s recipients, saying Mount Pearl thrives because of the residents who give their time, talents, and energy to help others. “Our city is so special because of the people who make it such a great place to live, work, and play,” said Mayor Aker. “We are proud to recognize those whose efforts have made a meaningful difference in our community.”

This year, the City proudly presented the following awards:

- **Urban Agriculture Award** – Mount Pearl Lions Club
- **Community Group of the Year** – (TIE) Mount Pearl Junior Blades and 807 Mount Pearl Kinsmen Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron
- **Richard Levandier Citizen of the Year Award** – Bonnie Evely
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Claudette Coombs

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, the City expanded the spirit of the Best in Mount Pearl Awards to place a spotlight on service, volunteerism, and the often-unseen contributions that help strengthen Mount Pearl every day. The following individuals and groups were recognized for their outstanding commitment to community:

- Kim Murphy and Christa Skinner – U18 Women’s National Hockey Championship Co-Chairs
- Sheri Philpott, Wanda Tiller, Roberts Hayes, and Renee Pendergast – Frosty Festival Committee
- John Murphy – Community Impact Award – In Memoriam

About the Best in Mount Pearl Awards

The Best in Mount Pearl Awards honours the people and organizations making a lasting difference in the city. These awards celebrate leadership, service, and collaboration, highlighting those who step forward, give back, and help shape a connected community.

For full details, visit: mountpearl.ca/residents/awards/best-in-mountpearl/

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