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## Town honours Volunteer Award of Merit recipients

**Georgina, ON** – The Town of Georgina honoured members of the community with the 2022 Volunteer Award of Merit at a ceremony at the ROC on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

“Great communities are built with the help of dedicated volunteers who offer their time, energy and skills for the benefit of others,” said Mayor Margaret Quirk. “The Volunteer Award of Merit recognizes people who contribute to making Georgina a better place. Volunteering is the ultimate form of public service and volunteers have a tremendous impact on the community. I would like to thank all the award recipients for their generosity and the incredible work they do every day.”

The Town recognized former Ward 5 Councillor David Harding as the 2022 Citizen of the Year. He has been involved in a variety of volunteer activities for many years. Some of these include:

- Volunteer firefighter from 1971 to 2016
- Member of the Pefferlaw Area Ratepayers for five years
- Active member of the Pefferlaw Lions Club for 35 years
- Supported the Newmarket and area Special Olympics and travelled to destinations with his sons for local, provincial, national and world games, with destinations as far away as South Korea, where his sons represented Canada by winning silver medals

The following is a list of the Volunteer Award of Merit recipients:

### Individual Award of Merit

- Lindsay Damecour
- John Davidson
- Iain Donnell
- Kendra Mullings
- Zaheeda Rahim
- Rachel Ridgeway
- Nancy Serrick
- Ann Winacott

### Youth Award of Merit

- Preston Fowler
- Elena Rinne

### Organization Award of Merit

- Georgina Community Food Pantry
- Georgina Pins and Needles
- High Street Events Committee
- The Gathering Place

**Business Award of Merit**

- Naturally Enchanted
- Team Metherall
- LaRue's Haulage

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