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Annual Environmental Awards

Between 2002 and 2007, and then resuming in 2015, the FoTW has presented awards for the care and protection of the watershed and environment in three categories (when there were suitable candidates). The following lists the recipients for each year and, where needed, briefly describes the connection.

1. "Contribution to the Tay Watershed" (contribution to water resources specific to this watershed)

Past recipients:

- 2002 - Lynn Preston (Leadership in developing the Tay Watershed Management Plan)
- 2003 - Mike Mosher (Support for the watershed including co-chairing Plan Roundtable); 2004 - GBCLA (Leadership on Lake Management Planning)
- 2005 - Karen Hunt (Leadership in expanding access to lake management planning)
- 2006 - Cameron Macleod, Perth (Participation in developing Friends of the Tay Assn.)
- 2007 - Queens University (Tay Watershed Groundwater Research Project)
- 2015 – Lake Links (Annual presentation of watershed information)
- 2016 – Kidfish – Kathy and Lannie Lowry, Dan & Karen Sisty
- 2017 - Dianne Czerwinski & Nicola Oddy (Development of Tay River Pathway)
- 2018 - Noelle Reeve, Tay Valley Township Planner (
- 2019 – David Taylor, Past President (Participation in association development)
- 2020 – Irv Dardick, Eagle Lake Association (Leadership in lake & association mgt.)
- 2021 – Leah Craig, Student, Perth & District Collegiate Institute (Waterway cleanup)
- 2022 – PDCI Grade 8 Students (lead by Mssers. Bell, O'Neill, Anderson and Barr)
(Program testing and evaluating Tay River water quality downstream of Perth)
- 2023 –
- 2024 -

2. "Contribution to Water Resources at the provincial, national or international level" (person or organization, either local or outside area, whose activities have an impact on water resources on a wider basis)

Past recipients:

- 2002 - Appellants to the MOE-OMYA water permit hearings (Significant gains in provincial policy: watershed management approach and registering of water permits)
- 2003 - not presented
- 2004 - Minister of Environment (Support to water protection programs)
- 2005 – CELA (Legal advice & support on environmental issues)
- 2006 – Maple
- 2007 – Ontario's Environmental Farm Plan Program
- 2015 – Watersheds Canada (Leadership on protection of lake environment)
- 2016 – Lanark County Stewardship Council (Support to area environment programs)
- 2017 - Kat Kavanagh, Water Rangers

- 2018 – Ontario Nature (Leadership against Provincial Bill 66)
- 2019 – FOCA, Federation of Ontario cottagers Association
- 2020 – RVCA and MVCA (For program activities to protect our water resources)
- 2021 – Lanark County Climate Network (Activities combatting climate change)
- 2022 – No Presentation
- 2023 –
- 2024 –

3. “Contribution to the General Environment” (a local person or organization whose activities are aimed generally at the environment but impact on our water resources).

Past recipients:

- 2002 – Local potters: Jackie Seaton & (Fund-raising for Tay Legal Defence Fund)
- 2003 - Greg Anderson (For Envirothon)
- 2004 - Lanark & Frontenac Stewardship Councils (For early support to FoTW)
- 2005 – Tay Valley Township (Leadership in
- 2006 – ecoPerth (Leadership protection of the environment)
- 2007 - Bedford Mining Alert and CMAG (Leadership in coordination of campaign against uncontrolled property access, for mineral prospecting)
- 2015 – Susan Brandom and Rideau Environmental Action League
- 2016 – Two recipients: *Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust* and Dr. Paula Stewart, *Lanark, Leeds & Grenville Heath Unit* (“Nature 4 Life Program”)
- 2017 – Bob Argue (Development of Climate Change Planning)
- 2018 – Graham Beck, Little Stream Bakery (Support to association Bursary Program)
- 2019 – Dr. Shelley Ball (For presentation of the film series ‘Shift Happens’)
- 2020 – Paul Lehman, MVCA (Leadership in building climate change information)
- 2021 – Rob Rainer, Councillor, Tay Valley Township (Support to environment protection programs and activities)
- 2022 – No Presentation
- 2023 –
- 2024 –

Special Awards

2020 – **Contribution to the Tay Watershed Association**

Carol Dillon (Development of the association and 22 years of dedication to the protection of the watershed)

Annie Dalton (Provision of professional assistance in developing and guiding the association branding and graphic presentation)

Special Award - Don Sherwin (report “Geology, Mineral deposits and History of mining in the Tay River Watershed”)

2021 – **Contribution to the Tay Watershed Association** – Frank Roy (Past Treasurer, Past Director, Production of Annual Reports, and long term supporter)

2023 – **Special Awards**

Colin Stephenson (Webmaster, Past President, Past Treasurer, Director)

Marion Letts (Past Treasurer and Director)