

# Past Recipients of the Order of Abbotsford

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## 2013 Recipients

### **Dr. Elizabeth June Watt – Citizen of the Year**

In recognition of her community and professional leadership.

### **Laughie Bell**

In recognition of his valuable contribution to minor hockey in the City of Abbotsford.

### **Dennis Hill**

In recognition of his contributions to Abbotsford Citizens' Patrol.

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## 2012 Recipients

### **Ron Price – Citizen of the Year**

In recognition of his extensive and foundational contributions to the community and commitment to the City of Abbotsford.

### **Ron Sweeney Sr. – Citizen of the Year**

In recognition of being a positive role model, and helping to build strong foundation throughout Abbotsford and beyond.

### **William (Bill) Andrews**

In recognition of his dedication as an active volunteer to the community and commitment to the City of Abbotsford

### **Roy Morice**

In recognition of his longstanding community involvement and commitment to making the City of Abbotsford a better place.

### **Bob Singleton**

In recognition of the tireless contribution of leadership, time and knowledge he has provided the community.

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## 2011 Recipients

### **George F. Ferguson – Citizen of the Year**

To honour his lifelong commitment, leadership and dedication to the development and people of the City of Abbotsford.

### **Karen Matty**

In recognition of her business leadership and development of Abbotsford.

### **Barbara Mowat**

In recognition of her leadership in the development and promotion of small and home-based business in the City.

### **Carson Nofle**

In recognition of his knowledge and assistance in the growth and development of Abbotsford.

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## **Les Stagg**

In recognition of his devotion to Abbotsford's children and youth.

## **Barry Stewart**

In recognition of his dedication and involvement in promoting basketball and football in Abbotsford.

## **Fred Strumpski**

In recognition of his leadership in the business community and lifelong community and volunteer services.

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## **2010 Recipients**

### **Christine Lamb – Citizen of the Year**

In appreciation of her years of service to the community as a politician and as a volunteer, providing much time, energy and quality of service.

### **Harry Schmidt – Citizen of the Year**

In recognition of his dedication to the City of Abbotsford and humanitarianism efforts throughout the world.

### **Vivienne Chin**

In recognition of her involvement in making Abbotsford a safer place to live.

### **Deidre DeGagne**

In recognition of her community service and volunteer leadership.

### **Marilyn Goodwin**

In recognition of her years of service at the MSA Hospital.

### **James Hanna**

In recognition of his community involvement and service to families of Abbotsford.

### **Lois Wilson**

In recognition of her dedication as a teacher and volunteer for the Kidney Foundation of Canada

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## **2009 Recipients**

### **Ed and Donna North – Citizen of the Year**

In recognition of ongoing support to the community and commitment to the City of Abbotsford.

### **Dr. Harold (Skip) Bassford**

In recognition of his commitment to education and community involvement.

### **Fiona Brett**

In recognition of her community involvement and commitment to the City of Abbotsford.

### **Paul Singh Dhaliwal Sr.**

In recognition of his dedication to help new immigrants find work and settle in Abbotsford.

### **Leslie Easte**

In recognition of her dedication as a volunteer and as an internationally recognized jewelry designer.

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## **Mike Hammond**

In recognition of his work with people with disabilities and Abbotsford Special Olympics.

## **Phyllis Harms**

In recognition of her volunteerism and dedication in her efforts to help solve homelessness in Abbotsford.

## **Jake (Jatinder) Parmar**

In recognition of his professionalism in the provision of pre-hospital medical services and community involvement.

## **John Vissers**

In recognition of his dedication to conservation and the environment of the City of Abbotsford.

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## **2008 Recipients**

### **Walter Paetkau – Citizen of the Year**

In recognition of his role as an advocate for the disadvantages and an inspiration to many for involving people to be of service to their community.

### **Bob Bos**

In recognition of his leadership and dedication in revitalizing our historic downtown Abbotsford.

### **Henry Braun**

In recognition of his exceptional community leadership to the City of Abbotsford.

### **Dave Holmberg**

In recognition of his outstanding leadership in making Abbotsford a better place to live.

### **Frank Keis**

In recognition of his dedication to the Matsqui Prairie Dyking, Drainage and Irrigation Committee and his support in establishing Abbotsford Agri-Fair.

### **Freddy Latham**

In recognition of her support and commitment to the community through the arts and culture.

### **Gerry Palmer**

**In recognition of his commitment and community involvement in the City of Abbotsford.**

### **Henk Saaltink**

In recognition of his dedication in community stewardship and environmental and social advocacy in the City of Abbotsford.

### **Johanna Saaltink**

In recognition of her tireless commitment to conservation and work in founding the Central Valley Naturalist Conservation Committee.

### **Alan Trethewey**

In posthumous recognition of his community leadership and exceptional dedication to the development of our City.

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## 2007 Recipients

### **Eugene Reimer – Citizen of the Year**

To honour his lifelong commitment to the community through sport, leadership and inspiration to other disabled athletes.

### **Kim Chapdelaine**

In recognition of her leadership, provincially, nationally, and internationally in the field of athletics.

### **Barry Crocker**

In recognition of his dedication and involvement in promoting soccer in the City of Abbotsford.

### **Elizabeth Melnick**

In recognition of her commitment to rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife in the City of Abbotsford.

### **John (Jack) Robertson**

To recognize his long service and dedication for the betterment of the community.

### **Dean Russell**

To recognize his countless hours of service to the Abbotsford Police Force and to the public safety of our citizens.

### **Eric Vanderham**

In posthumous recognition of community leadership in the areas of sport and business.

### **Milt Walker**

In recognition of his community leadership and support of local arts and culture in the City of Abbotsford.

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## 2006 Recipients

### **Darryl Plecas – Citizen of the Year**

In recognition of his teaching excellence in Criminology and exceptional leadership and innovation in the promotion of public safety in the City of Abbotsford.

### **Harry Dejong**

In recognition of his long service and dedication for the betterment of the community.

### **Herman Driedeger**

In recognition of his impressive record of service to the agriculture industry, business community, education system and contributions to the success of the Abbotsford International Airport.

### **Jerry Gosling**

In recognition of dedicated volunteer service and community involvement in the City of Abbotsford.

### **Vern Heidebrecht**

In recognition of his more than 4 years of leadership and public speaking and spiritual guidance in the City of Abbotsford.

### **Gertie Poole**

In recognition of her work as a justice activist and victim's right advocate.

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## **James Reed**

In posthumous recognition of his dedication and devotion to his students during 40 years of teaching in the Abbotsford School District.

## **Douglas Taylor**

In posthumous recognition of his leadership and many years of service to the community.

## **Christine Wiebe**

In recognition of outstanding volunteer commitment to promote the City of Abbotsford.

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## **2005 Recipients**

### **Deputy Chief Constable, Paul Tinsley**

Posthumously elected as the first entry in the 2005 Order of Abbotsford Merit Book as an indication to all future generations of the exceptionally high standards required for inclusion on this list and a reminder to future custodians of the list to always strive to acknowledge those worthy of inclusion while they are still among us.

### **Ross Belscher**

In posthumous recognition of his tireless commitment and loyalty to the community.

### **John “Spud” Murphy**

To honour his lifelong commitment to the community through sport, leadership, and volunteerism.

### **Dave Kandal**

In appreciation of his exceptional dedication to the development of our City.

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