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Board volunteer recognized for excellence



Immediate past chair of the St. John's Board of Trade, Bruce Templeton, was recently awarded the Harvey Webber Commemorative Award by the Atlantic Provinces Chambers of Commerce. The award is presented annually to "a chamber volunteer who has made a unique contribution to his or her community chamber, thereby enhancing the chamber of commerce movement in that province and in the region."

"Bruce brings to relationships a level of collegiality and respect that exceeds the expected standard," said Board Chair Derek Sullivan. "Couple this with a lifetime of community service and you have quite a combination. It is these traits and many more that resulted in him being recognized as an exemplary volunteer."

Some highlights of Mr. Templeton's Board-related volunteer accomplishments include:

- a key player in changing the Board's governance structure,
- an integral part in net membership growth during a period of global economic downturn
- leading the Board's municipal election information campaign, where he helped communicate significant information about candidates' views to St. John's voters.

"This is a team award as far as I'm concerned," said Mr. Templeton. "I was pleased to lead the Board of Trade for 52 wonderful weeks, but the members, volunteers and staff really made it the rewarding experience it was. I accept this award on behalf of those people, who made it possible to be recognized in this way. I thank each of them for their contributions to the Board, to business and to the community as a whole."

In the submission supporting Bruce's nomination for the award, Mr. Sullivan noted, "Bruce Templeton was an exemplary executive colleague and an excellent Board Chair. In my year as his Senior Vice-Chair, Bruce came to me early and often to discuss approach to both advocacy and operational issues. He selflessly took the time to engage me time and again, so we could collaborate on both tactics and strategic direction of the organization. Now in the role of Past-Chair, he is still quick to offer his ongoing support to me in whatever role I might need him."

The St. John's Board of Trade is a non-partisan, business advocacy organization that is the principal voice of business for over 750 members in the St. John's area. Its mission is to improve the local business climate, enhancing its members' ability to do business through advocacy and member services.

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Attachment: Photo of Bruce Templeton with Harvey Webber Commemorative Award

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