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### **Order of Ottawa inductees and Brian Kilrea Award for Excellence in Coaching recipient announced for 2017**

**Ottawa** – Mayor Jim Watson today announced the 17 residents who will be inducted into the Order of Ottawa this year, as well as the 2017 recipient of the Brian Kilrea Award for Excellence in Coaching.

This year's Order of Ottawa ceremony will take place at City Hall on November 16.

Those who will be invested by Mayor Watson into the Order of Ottawa for 2016 are: Steve Barkhouse, Thomas d'Aquino, C, Jane Dobell, Édith Dumont, Safaa Fouda, Claude Gingras, Lawson A.W. Hunter, Guy Laflamme, Dr. Bernard Leduc, Cyril Leeder, Todd Nicholson, Drs Lucy and Rod Rabb, Jozef Straus, William Tupper and Sheila Whyte.

Grandmaster Tae Eun Lee was selected as a 2016 Order of Ottawa recipient however was unable to attend this ceremony. He will be honoured at the 2017 ceremony.

Stephen Dean will be presented with the Brian Kilrea Award for Excellence in Coaching, a City award that recognizes the contribution of an amateur coach who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership and commitment.

The Order of Ottawa recognizes exceptional residents who have made a significant contribution in a professional capacity in many areas of city life, including arts and culture, business, community service, education, public service, labour, communications and media, science, medicine, sports and entertainment, or other fields of endeavour that benefit the residents of Ottawa.

This prestigious civic award was established in 2012 by Mayor Watson and members of City Council. Recipients of the Order of Ottawa are chosen by a Selection Committee comprised of the Mayor, City Clerk and Solicitor, Chief of Police, Chief of Protocol, City Archivist, and the Chief Executive Officer of Library Services.

For more information regarding the Order of Ottawa and the full biographies of the recipients on the [Order of Ottawa section on the Awards and Recognition page](#) on ottawa.ca.

#### **Quotes**

"The 2017 inductees join an illustrious group of residents who have been recognized and celebrated for having significantly contributed to the City through their professional accomplishments. In addition to making positive change in the city, Order of Ottawa recipients inspire others to do the same."

*Mayor Jim Watson, City of Ottawa*

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#### **Abridged biographies of recipients**

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## **Steve Barkhouse**

Steve Barkhouse is the Founder and President of Amsted Design-Build, an award-winning design build company that employs over 60 employees and has completed over 1500 projects across the City of Ottawa. Amsted has won several consumer awards and Mr. Barkhouse has served on numerous boards and committees including the Algonquin College Board of Governors, as well as the College's multi-million-dollar fundraising campaign cabinet to build the new Algonquin Centre for Construction Excellence. Mr. Barkhouse hires and supports carpentry apprenticeships and acts as a personal mentor to students.

Amsted Design-Build also supports numerous charities, organizations and initiatives over the past 25 years including CHEO, the Ottawa Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice Care Ottawa, Ottawa Hospital Foundation, Roger's House and the Kanata Blazers Hockey Team.

## **Thomas d'Aquino**

An Ottawa resident for over forty years, Mr. d'Aquino continues to serve in leadership positions in the corporate world and in the not-for-profit sector. After serving as a Special Advisor to former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Mr. D'Aquino spent thirty years as the Ottawa-based Chief Executive of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, now known as the Business Council of Canada. In recognition of his leadership, he was named a Distinguished Lifetime Member of the Council.

During this time, he served as a member of the Board of Governors of Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. He was the Founding Chair of the Heritage Village of Rockcliffe Park Foundation and has been a long-time philanthropic supporter of the National Arts Centre. A Gold and Diamond Jubilee medal recipient, Mr. d'Aquino chairs the North American Forum and is a member of an international advisory group assisting The Vatican with the Sport in the Service of Humanity Initiative led by Pope Francis.

## **C. Jane Dobell**

Education and literacy have been a common theme in Ms. Dobell's personal and professional life in Ottawa over the past 50+ years. She is a professional educator, having served both as Director of the Language Programme Branch of the Secretary of State as well as Ottawa Board of Education Trustee and sometime Chair.

She has been incredibly active in her community where she has previously served on the Rockcliffe Park Village Council and Rockcliffe Park Residents' Association. She has played a leading role in two separate book fairs which collectively have raised seven-figure profits for the Rockcliffe Park Public School and Ottawa Public Library to support library and literacy programs. Ms. Dobell has served as a Board member on various educational institutions including Algonquin College, the University of Ottawa, as well as on the Ontario Training and Adjustment Board.

## **Édith Dumont**

Édith Dumont, Director of Education for Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO), has spent over 25 years with the organization. She serves as an advocate for the rights of women and linguistic minorities.

Ms. Dumont is recognized for her commitment to school communities and today's youth. Her passion for education makes her an inspiring ambassador and she has spoken around the world. Ms. Dumont has created global innovative partnerships with the likes of the European Union, FC Barcelona and the Cosmodome, in Laval, to benefit her students and broaden their education.

Ms. Dumont has served on several boards including Groupe Média TFO, Crime Prevention Ottawa, the Ottawa Network for Education and Centre franco-ontarien de ressources pédagogiques. She has chaired the Conseil ontarien des directrices et directeurs de l'éducation de langue française and is a member of Fédération nationale des conseils scolaires francophones.

### **Safaa Fouda**

Safaa Fouda is a pioneering female engineer who moved to Canada from Egypt in 1969 and became one of the first female Canadian recipients of a PhD in Engineering. Since 1981, Dr. Fouda worked at CANMET Energy Technology Centre, Natural Resources Canada, developing novel technologies and catalytic processes for transforming natural gas into transportation fuels and chemicals. She retired in 2005 as Deputy Director General for the CANMET.

Following her work career, Dr. Fouda has devoted herself to philanthropic and community work, especially in helping vulnerable communities and in cross-cultural bridge building, peace-building and Muslim/non-Muslim relations. She served on the board of directors on the Multifaith Housing Initiative and has been involved with a variety of other community groups. Dr. Fouda has received several recognitions including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 and Ontario's "Leading Women Building Communities" award and in 2015, was recognized with the Mayor's City Builder Award for outstanding volunteerism.

### **Claude Gingras**

As the Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Board Trustee of Ginsberg, Gingras & Associates, an Ottawa-based management consulting firm helping clients to overcome business, management and organizational challenges, Claude Gingras has over 30 years of experience and an in-depth knowledge of Canadian industry. He has helped make Ginsberg, Gingras & Associates the undisputed leader in the field of bankruptcy trustees by introducing innovative practices and expanding its field of expertise.

Mr. Gingras has been a leader in Ottawa's francophone community. He served for 20 years as President, Fondation Franco-Ontarienne and helped protect, preserve and promote Ontario's Francophone culture. Mr. Gingras chaired and sat on numerous local fundraising campaigns, including the Ottawa General Hospital and La Cité Collégiale.

### **Lawson A.W. Hunter**

Lawson Hunter is one of Canada's best renowned regulatory and government relations counsels. For several years, he was Canada's senior civil servant responsible for the drafting of the federal Competition Act. From 1993 to 2003, he was a partner of Stikeman Elliott and head of the firm's Competition/Antitrust Group. He was Executive Vice-President and Chief Corporate Officer of Bell Canada and BCE Inc., responsible for overseeing

regulatory, governmental relations and corporate affairs. He has been recognized by organizations such as CD Howe, the University of New Brunswick and by Chambers and Partners.

Mr. Hunter has been heavily involved in Ottawa's arts community. He is the current Chair of the Ottawa Art Gallery and has invested in its expansion and growth. In fact, the new third floor gallery at the new OAG will be called the Lawson A.W. Hunter Permanent Collection Gallery. He has also been a key member on fundraising committees for the NAC and Opera Lyra.

### **Guy Laflamme**

Guy Laflamme has been producing major events in the Capital for over 25 years with the City of Ottawa and the National Capital Commission. Since 2014, he has been Executive Director and Producer of Ottawa 2017, creating over 200 events and experiences to celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial. His previous successes have included Canada Day Celebrations, Winterlude, Mosaika and the H2K millennium show produced at the Casino Lac Leamy.

Mr. Laflamme is also a professor with the University of Ottawa's Telfer School of Management and with the Executive MBA program for 25 years. He has been teaching with the University of Bucharest Business School for over eight years. With his university students, Mr. Laflamme led a humanitarian project "Making Niger Our Business" to deliver half a million dollars in benefits to Niger. Mr. Laflamme was Chair of the United Way campaign for the Outaouais in 2011.

### **Dr. Bernard Leduc**

Dr. Bernard Leduc has served as president and Chief Executive Officer of Hôpital Montfort since 2010. Previously, Dr. Leduc served as Chief-of-Staff at Montfort from January 2004 to November, 2009, and has 27 years of experience in family medicine. Dr. Leduc led the hospital through its Accreditation with Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada in 2014 and the hospital was named one of the Top 25 Employers of the National Capital Region in February 2015.

In 2004, Dr. Leduc was awarded the Irwin Bean Award, given to the individual in the group of eligible practitioners who obtained the highest score on the certification examination in family medicine from the College of Family Physicians of Canada. He is co-recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award for the Family Medicine program at Hôpital Montfort in 2006-2007. In 2010 he was awarded the Ralph E. Giffin Award for his contribution to the Queen's Executive MBA Ottawa program.

### **Grandmaster Tae Eun Lee**

Grandmaster Tae Eun Lee opened Ottawa's first Taekwondo School in 1977. Over the past 39 years, he has shaped the lives of over 20,000 students and developed affiliated schools and clubs across the National Capital Region as well as in Ontario, Alberta, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Germany, Greece and Hong Kong. Grandmaster Lee founded Taekwondo Canada, and is the only internationally certified Grandmaster with the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) in Ottawa.

Grandmaster Lee is a 9th Degree Black Belt, the highest level attainable, making him both one of the only actively teaching 9th Degree Black Belts in the world. He was instrumental in having WTF Taekwondo

recognized as both an official Olympic and Paralympic sport and he has always promoted Canada as the best country in the world in which to live and raise a family.

(Grandmaster Lee was selected as a 2016 Order of Ottawa recipient, however, was unable to attend this ceremony and is being honoured at the 2017 ceremony.)

### **Cyril Leeder**

Cyril Leeder is an accomplished business and community champion in Ottawa. He was one of a small group of leaders who brought the Ottawa Senators back to Ottawa. Mr. Leeder spent close to three decades as President of the organization. His work helped the City land the 2009 IIHF World Junior Championship, the 2012 NHL All-Star Weekend and the 2013 World Women's Hockey Championship.

Throughout his career, Mr. Leeder has established partnerships that have directly benefited the community, such as the numerous Sensplexes across the City and the Sens Rink of Dreams at City Hall. In 1998, Mr. Leeder founded the Annual Bell Capital Cup, the world's largest hockey tournament. His community work has helped the Ottawa Senators Foundation, Algonquin College Sports Management Program, Ottawa Carleton Ice Partnership and the Bell Capital Cup. He coached minor hockey for 11 years and, in 2012, was inducted into the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame.

### **Todd Nicholson**

A three-time Paralympic medalist winning gold in 2006, silver in 1998 and bronze in 1994, Todd Nicholson represented Canada on the national and international stages as a member of Canada's National Sledge Team. He won eight medals at the world sledge hockey championships. He has also competed in a number of other summer sports including wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, triathlon, duathlon, marathons and para-skeleton.

From 2013 until April 2017, he served as Chairman for the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athletes' Council and has been involved planning and administering the Games from 2012 through 2018. Nicholson was named Team Canada's Chef de Mission for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. He was inducted to the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame in 2014. Mr. Nicholson and his wife now devote their free time and energy to building The Abilities Centre Ottawa, a centre that aims to create a fully inclusive recreational facility for people of all abilities.

### **Dr. Lucy Rabb and Dr. Rod Rabb**

Dr. Lucy and Dr. Rod Rabb have been family physicians in the Village of Richmond from 1969 to 2016. They have served thousands of multi-generational patients in the community, making numerous house calls. The Rabbs have provided their services to the Salvation Army Grace General Hospital from 1966 to 1999, and later to the Queensway Carleton Hospital and Ottawa Hospitals.

They have been a strong driving force behind the Richmond Refugee Relief Fund which sponsored two Vietnamese families during the migration of Vietnamese refugees to Canada in the 1970s, sponsored and provided medical care for Syrian refugees, including Heal the Children Canada, which brought Korean Children

to Canada for heart surgery, fostering the children during their stay in Canada. They provided Christmas baskets to shut-ins and nursing home patients during the Christmas season.

Dr. Lucy Rabb was one of only seven female graduates from the University of Ottawa Medical School in 1965. She became a coroner for the region, covering the area of Rockland to Arnprior for 25 years. She was Chief of Family Medicine for five years at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital and the Grace Hospital. She was also a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School superintendent for many years at the Richmond Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Rod Rabb served as a volunteer firefighter in Richmond for 39 years, from 1971 to 2010, and was involved as a local Cub Scouts and Scout level leader with Scouts Canada.

### **Jozef Straus, PhD**

With a lifetime of extraordinary achievements in technology innovation and business success in the telecommunications industry, Dr. Straus is best known for co-founding JDS Fitel in 1981 and was instrumental in its merger with Uniphase Corporation in 1999. Dr. Straus holds Honorary Doctorate degrees from the University of Alberta, Touro College, the University of Ottawa, and Carleton University. He is a current and past board member of various high tech companies and research organizations, including The Ottawa Partnership, the University of Ottawa's Science Advisory Council and other Ottawa-based organizations.

He is involved in several charitable organizations and is most proud of his past involvement as Co-Chairman of the successful Ottawa Hospital's Legacy Campaign. Over the last several years Jozef Straus has been very much involved in supporting activities at the National Gallery of Canada.

### **William M. Tupper, PhD**

A retired businessman, geologist and professor, William 'Bill' Tupper is a community leader in every sense. He served as a Councillor in the Township of North Gower, as the first Mayor of Rideau Township and Regional Councillor from 1974 to 1978 and as a Member of the House of Commons from 1984 to 1988.

Mr. Tupper has immersed himself in the history of Rideau Township, preserving Dickinson House in Manotick, and developing Dickinson Square as a heritage destination. He was a founding member and Past-President of the Rideau Township Historical Society. Along with his wife, he published "The Dickinson Men of Manotick", a book chronicling the family that founded the historical village. He has been a lifelong fundraiser for organizations like the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation, the United Way, the Ottawa Hospital Foundation, and the Association of Former Parliamentarians Education Foundation. Mentoring young people, from Boy Scouts to graduate students has been among his many priorities.

### **Sheila Whyte**

Since Sheila Whyte opened Thyme and Again Creative Catering in 1991, the business has grown to include a take-home food and a retail shop and an in-house bakery. Ms. Whyte was a founding member of the advisory board for Savour Ottawa, and sits on the boards of the Culinary Management Advisory Board at Algonquin College, Ottawa Philanthropy Awards, Wellington West BIA, and the Parkdale Food Centre. She has been a champion for the Ottawa Mission Chef Program, is a judge for Gold Medal Plates in Ottawa and a member of the City of Ottawa Food Truck Selection Committee.

Ms. Whyte has volunteered her time with other community organizations including the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, Ottawa Jazz Festival, Great Canadian Theatre Company, and the Coffee for Community Cause. She is also a founding member of The Royal Ottawa Women for Mental Health Campaign. Ms. Whyte has received numerous awards including the Ottawa Business Woman of the Year Award in 2006.

### **Brian Kilrea Award**

### **Stephen Dean**

Stephen Dean is the driving force behind the success of the National Capital Amateur Football Association (NCAFA). He has been serving as President of NCAFA since 2005 and has seen the League expand to include 15 clubs. Mr. Dean is the President of the Nepean Eagles Football Club since 2000, also having served as coach from 1998 to 2004. Since taking over as President, the club has grown to over 700 participants and coaches in program areas such as tackle, girls touch, flag and cheer.

He has forged strong ties with the Ottawa Sport and Entertainment Group (OSEG) and the Ottawa REDBLACKS while maintaining relationships well as Football Canada, the Ontario Football Alliance, Carleton University, the University of Ottawa, and local high schools. He has promoted a 'football helps football' philosophy and promotes a sustainable and growing vision for Ottawa youth and a strong football future in our Nation's Capital