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2020 English-speaking Community Award Winners

SHERBROOKE, June 5th, 2020 – Townshippers’ Association is pleased and honoured to announce the recipients of this year’s *Outstanding Townshipper* (OT) and *Young Townships Leader* (YTLA) awards. These individuals have positively and significantly impacted their communities through their volunteer work, leadership skills, and being all around positive role models.

This year’s well-deserved honours go to **Melanie Cutting (Outstanding Townshipper, Lennoxville)** and **Morgan Passmore (Young Townships Leader, Lennoxville)**. These exceptional individuals were announced as part of Townshippers’ Association’s 40th Annual General Meeting June 5th, 2020 and because, exceptionally this year we cannot honour our recipients with an in-person ceremony, they will be celebrated in different ways throughout the year, beginning with being highlighted through TA’s new Webseries, *About Townshippers* over the summer.

Melanie Cutting has been associated with almost every kind of volunteer group in the Lennoxville area in some way, shape or form and her contributions to the Townships English-speaking community have benefitted and enriched the lives of both the young and old. An active member of Townshippers’ Association’s board of directors until 2017, Melanie has also made significant contributions to New Horizons, Uplands, The Townships Sun, Lennoxville Library, Lennoxville Youth Centre and the SPA; she has also been honoured by the City of Sherbrooke, Borough of Lennoxville with their Volunteer of the Year award.

Morgan Passmore is completing her second year of a three-year diploma program in Farm Management and Technology at MacDonald College of McGill and has an impressive track record for giving back to her community for someone who is nineteen years old! Active within the Executive of Richmond’s 4H Club since the age of 12, Morgan’s dedication and drive have been recognized by her peers with honours including the *Spirit Award*, given to the 4H member who exemplifies the meaning of 4H (Hands, Head, Heart and Health) during the 2019 Quebec 4H Provincial Rally as well as a *Certificate of Recognition for Service Corps Canada*. Recently,

you may have crossed paths with Morgan as she volunteered locally to deliver meals to senior community members since the global pandemic made its way through the region.

These annual awards were created by Townshippers' to highlight and celebrate those who work to make our English-speaking community here in the Eastern Townships great through volunteerism and personal contribution while inspiring others to give back as well. Anyone is welcome to nominate a person or group who is helping others and strengthening their community.

“These awards celebrate inspiring people doing great things to improve their communities and the lives of those around them,” said Townshippers' Executive Director Rachel Hunting. “We are very proud to present these honours to our 2020 recipients and are grateful for their dedication to our community.”

Outstanding Townshippers

The OT is awarded to individuals and/or groups that have given generously of themselves, beyond the usual expectations of their job or profession (volunteering, mentoring, or philanthropy) to make their community or the Eastern Townships a better place to live, work and raise a family. Current or former community members can be considered provided their contributions benefit the region's English-speaking community.

To nominate someone for this award, visit www.Townshippers.org/OT for details.

Young Townships Leader Award

The YTLA highlights the achievements, dynamism, and involvement of young people by celebrating young Townshippers, age 15 to 35, who have shown leadership within the English-speaking community of the historical Eastern Townships, either in their school, town or in the wider community. Winners of this award receive \$1,000, thanks to the support of generous sponsors including Global Excel Management, CASS and NAV Canada.

To nominate someone for this award, visit www.Townshippers.org/YTLA for details.

Questions about the association's awards program can be directed to Cathy Turner, office manager, at 819-566-5717 (toll-free 1-877-566-5717), ct@townshippers.org.

About Townshippers' Association

Townshippers' Association is a non-profit, non-partisan community organization that has been serving the English-speaking community of the historical Eastern Townships since 1979. For more on the Association and its activities, connect online at Townshippers.org

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Caption: From left to right: 2020 Outstanding Townshipper Melanie Cutting with husband Gerald Cutting and 2020 Young Townships Leader Morgan Passmore.