

Media Release

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Romeo Levasseur receives the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

On Tuesday, June 15, 2021, Pembroke resident and retired educator Romeo Levasseur received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers is a national honour created by the Crown to recognize exceptional volunteer accomplishments.

Nominations for this prestigious award are made through the Chancellery of Honours, reviewed by a volunteer committee with final approval from the Governor General of Canada. The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers is the highest honour for volunteerism in Canada.

Many in our community will not be surprised by this recognition as Romeo has and still can often be seen volunteering. For 45 years, Romeo has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and organizes various fundraisers including the annual poppy campaign. Further, Romeo has been involved with Family & Children's Services of Renfrew County to help local youth for over 15 years, served on Pembroke Council for 20 years and was an organizer of the annual Old Time Fiddling and Step Dancing Championships for over four decades amongst various other community activities.

On presenting the award to Romeo, Mayor LeMay stated: "It is an absolute pleasure to be able to present this to an upstanding citizen and friend. We are so fortunate to have Romeo as a member of our community and know that many people and organizations have benefited from his volunteerism. I would like to congratulate Romeo on this incredibly well-deserved recognition from the Governor General of Canada."

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