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Outstanding Community Project Awards:

As the Crime Prevention Council of Thunder Bay, our mission is to build a safer, more inclusive and welcoming Thunder Bay. It is encouraging to see such tremendous efforts in the community. To this year’s Award recipients, please accept my congratulations on behalf of the Crime Prevention Council. Your work is making an important contribution to our city. To this year’s sponsors, we extend sincere thanks as this event would not be possible without your generous support. Together, we can achieve great results for Thunder Bay.

JEFF UPTON, CHAIR, CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL.

On behalf of my colleagues on City Council, I am proud to present the 7th Annual Mayor’s Community Safety Awards. I wish to offer my sincerest congratulations and thanks to each of this year’s recipients. They are setting an example through their outstanding efforts to make our community safer and more inclusive.

Since these Awards began in 2011, 39 deserving individuals and projects have been recognized for their hard work and dedication in making Thunder Bay a better and safer place for everyone.

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Outstanding Community Project Awards:

Community Hero Award: Youth Leader Award:
COMMUNITY HERO
KEN MILLER
Ken Miller makes a difference every Bay as an Outreach and Engagement worker with Elevate NWO, a leading resource in Northwestern Ontario for confidential HIV/AIDS/hep C education, prevention, advocacy, testing and harm reduction.
He’s Chair of Thunder Pride and Canada Pride Region Director; he volunteers for workshops to educate businesses and organizations on the need to be open and inclusive to the LGBTQ2S+ community.
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OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECT
BAYSAFE
Baysafe is a non-profit, harm reduction service in Thunder Bay. It was founded by Marcus Aguirre and Ashley Bremell in 2016. Their primary goals include education, safety, confidentiality, empowerment and community. Baysafe promotes the safety and well-being of young adults by providing accurate information about the risks associated with partying. This includes risks related to substance use, stress levels, sleep and nutrition. Baysafe neither conducts nor supports partying but helps those who choose to use substances. By providing information and support, here is how to better understand the perspectives and experiences of those who choose to use substances. By sharing their stories so that others can feel less alone.
Sponsor: Matawa First Nations Management

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECT
BEAR CLAN PATROL
Members of the Bear Clan Patrol make a difference to community safety in Thunder Bay by patrolling the city’s waterways and lands with young adults to reach people to make sure they are safe. Care packages, clothing, blankets and other items are given to those who need them.
Sponsor: Thunder Bay Police Services Board

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECT
GRACE PLACE
Grace Place, a registered charity and non-denominational church on Simpson Street, serves over 25,000 meals a year to the city’s vulnerable population. Grace Place was founded by Gary and Melody MacRae who had the idea of offering a safe and welcoming space for all. The grassroots, Indigenous-led initiative is organized as the Bear Clan because this Clan, historically, has had the responsibility for peacekeeping.
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YOUNG LEADER
ARDELLE SAGUTCHEWAY
Ardelle Sagutcheway is a dedicated advocate for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth. Originally from Eabametoong First Nation, she moved to Thunder Bay to attend high school. She was a member of the Youth Advisory Committee with the Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth and was involved in the Seven Youth Initiatives.
She is one of the creators of the Ellen Cullie Pit Kaakik Ton Gang (Cleaving Together a Tale), which gives Indigenous youth a platform to share their stories so others can better understand the perspectives and resilience of Indigenous youth.
Sponsor: Generator

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECT
YOUTH OUTREACH WORKERS (YOWS)
The Youth Outreach Workers is a dedicated group who meet the needs of youth aged 12-25 by providing support, guidance and advocacy. and their time. The Program is offered by DILICO Anishinabek Family Care and the City of Thunder Bay. It was founded by Gary and Melody MacRae to provide a source of stability and community for those who need them.
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF CRIME PREVENTION
THUNDER BAY
COLLABORATION
We believe community safety is everyone’s responsibility. We work in partnership to build on the strengths, skills and capacities of our community, bridge gaps and solve problems.

EVIDENCE-BASED
We use evidence to understand and address the risk factors of crime and victimization, promote protective factors, strategies plans, implement actions and evaluate results.

INCLUSION
We see diversity as a source of strength and resilience. The engagement and inclusion of diverse voices, experiences and approaches will help our community thrive.

COMPASSION
We recognize people have different challenges, circumstances and roles. We value dignity, equity and respect in our attitudes and actions, and support others without judgment.

COMMITMENT
We believe the creation of a safe, inclusive and welcoming community takes time, determination and perseverance. We are committed to sustainability and long-term success.