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## **Annual Community Recognition Event**

**May 24, 2017, Gananoque, ON** - The Town of Gananoque and the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands are hosting the annual Community Recognition Event at noon on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Town Hall Park. The event will be held in conjunction with the Gananoque Discovery Day – Celebrate Canada 150 and in partnership with Chalk the Walk. Chalk the Walk runs from 10 am to 3:30 pm and features chalk artists, family activities, entertainment and free refreshments. The Visitor Centre will also introduce the new Discovery Passport to help residents rediscover all the amazing attractions right in the region.

Both Mayor Erika Demchuk of The Town of Gananoque and Mayor Joe Baptista of The Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands will be on hand to accept a cheque from OLG executives, Marcelline Riddell and Tyjondah Marshall, Senior Managers, Government and Stakeholder Relations. Andy Lacroix, Executive Director, Stakeholder Relations for Ontario Shorelines Casinos will also attend.

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) plays an important role in both communities and this event allows the municipalities to celebrate their community grant program award recipients.

“OLG is proud to be a vital part of Gananoque and Leeds and the Thousand Islands for many years and we look forward to continuing to build on that support”, said Jake Pastore, OLG’s Director of Municipal and Community Relations. “Each and every year, 100 per cent of OLG proceeds are invested in Ontario. From healthcare, to education, to community festivals, OLG proceeds are hard at work here and all across our province. And, we appreciate the contribution of our Shorelines Thousand Islands employees in making life in this region that much richer.”

Last year, approximately \$177,452.51 in community grants were funded from gaming site proceeds for both municipalities. Some recent grant recipients from both the Town and Township include: Rockport Recreation Hall, 1000 Islands Nickel Cup Hydroplane Regatta, Gananoque Refuge Settlement Group, Thousand Islands Boat Museum, Gananoque Lions Club Park, Child Care United of Leeds and Grenville, St. Lawrence District Medical Centre, Lansdowne Community Veterans



Memorial, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 491 Seeley's Bay, Frontenac Arch Biosphere, Thousand Islands Playhouse along with many more.

The Community Grants program has four intake deadlines annually. The Town has two more intakes for grant applications in August and September 2017 and the final 2017 intake for the Township is in August 10, 2017. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the respective municipal office or website.

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