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## **Mount Pearl Names Citizen of the Year**

**MOUNT PEARL, NL** – Tonight, Emma Thornhill was named as Mount Pearl's 2015 Citizen of the Year. The ceremony was held at the Reid Community Centre in partnership with the Kinsmen Club of Mount Pearl and in conjunction with Volunteer Week.

The 2015 nominees included: Donna Collens, Sandra Milmore, Emma Thornhill, Bill Vincent and Sandy Woolfrey-Fahey.

Thornhill was a founding member of the Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group in 2003 and has helped grow it into the largest active seniors group in the province. She has volunteered with the group as a Board Member, Chair of the Membership Committee, Member of the Afternoon Tea Committee, Member of the Health and Awareness Day Committee and was also a founding member of the Drop in Centre, a program that helps seniors to become socially active with other seniors.

"Some people stand out for their wonderful qualities and Emma is one of those people. If I were to describe Emma in one word I would say she is a giver," said Georgina Smith, coordinator, Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group.

Thornhill is also a volunteer with organizations such as, the Vera Perlin Society, Special Olympics and the Canadian Cancer Society.

"This award recognizes individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to our city and have enhanced the quality of life of people living in Mount Pearl. Emma's volunteer efforts have made a lasting impression on our community members, especially on our seniors. We are grateful for the outstanding services of all of our volunteers and also to those who took the time to nominate such outstanding citizens," said Mayor Randy Simms.

### **About the City of Mount Pearl**

Mount Pearl is the second largest city in Newfoundland and Labrador, and leads the way as an independent, progressive, family-oriented and business-friendly city. The City of Mount Pearl provides outstanding municipal services and community programs.

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