

Tay Valley residents to be honoured for their volunteer work in support of the Township's recreation programs

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Tay Valley Township is pleased to announce that Mrs. Connie Willows and Mrs. Jan Rawling will receive awards from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration commemorating 10 years of volunteer service at a ceremony to be held in Ottawa on June 4, 2010.

Connie and Jan have been Tay Valley Recreation Advisory Committee members for ten years. They have organized community events, such as Canada Day celebrations, winter carnivals and family trips.

Ten years ago, Connie spearheaded the highly successful baseball program that involves close to 200 children. Together with Jan, Connie also organizes the Annual Family Fun Day at the two Provincial Parks in the township, Silver Lake and Murphys Point. These annual events provide an opportunity for our residents to enjoy our parks, through nature walks, scavenger hunts and games.

Jan identified the need for volunteer run and skills-based low cost hockey and soccer programs for children ages 5 to 14 years. Jan not only researched and analyzed training programs for these sports, but also recruited volunteer coaches, found sponsors and coordinated these new programs for the Township. Now three and five years on, Tay Valley's soccer and hockey programs draw more than 200 children across Tay Valley and neighbouring rural municipalities to enjoy these sports.

Deputy Reeve Freeman, Chair of the Recreation Advisory Committee, was delighted with the well-deserved recognition, stating, ***“Jan and Connie are valuable members of the Recreation Advisory Committee. They exemplify the highest qualities of a volunteer in a small community – no matter what the occasion or event, they are there helping and giving of themselves and their time.”***

Reeve Kerr agreed, adding, ***“Tay Valley Township offers quality and affordable sports programs, including hockey, soccer and baseball. The families of Tay Valley Township are grateful to Jan and Connie for their generous and on-going contributions.”***

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