



Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to be awarded to West Park Healthcare Centre Foundation Board Member Ian Troop

The Medal Recognizes Exemplary Commitment Through Dedicated Volunteerism

TORONTO, April 15, 2019 – West Park Healthcare Centre Foundation is pleased to announce that Ian Troop, Board member and Chairman of the Centre's Capital Campaign, will be the next recipient of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

Mr. Troop is being presented with the medal today at 6 pm by Rick Bonnette, Mayor of Halton Hills, during the Town of Halton Hills Council Meeting (Halton Hills Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown, Ontario).

Mr. Troop's citation from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada asserts that "Ian Troop dedicates his expertise and passion for inclusive economic growth to board positions with the West Park Healthcare Centre Foundation and Halton Poverty Roundtable. His leadership has supported strategic planning and successful fundraising initiatives."

In addition to Mr. Troop's tireless support of West Park Healthcare Centre, he serves on the Board of the Halton Poverty Roundtable where he chairs the Halton Community Benefits Network. He is also currently the Vice Chairman of the YMCA Oakville/Halton.

His past volunteer activities include serving on the National Board of Canadian Freestyle Skiing, named as a member of the first National Hockey League Players' Association Advisory Board in 2008 and serving as Chairman of the Georgetown Field of Dreams community group, responsible for developing, fundraising, designing and implementing a new athletics facility for Georgetown, the Halton District School Board and the surrounding community.

"Ian has been a relentless supporter of the Halton Hills community," said Mayor Bonnette. "We are so fortunate to have his talent and dedication focused on bettering our community and congratulate him on this important recognition of his many volunteer contributions."

"I can't think of anyone more deserving of this prestigious award. Ian has been a key volunteer since 2014, putting his leadership stamp on West Park and earning the respect of members of both the Foundation and Centre boards," said Joanne Cole, Chief Executive Officer of West Park Healthcare Centre Foundation. "Ian's leadership has brought about a significant and positive change to West Park, and the new hospital, once complete, will be a tangible example of Ian's work and leadership at West Park."

About the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields.

As an official Canadian honour, the Medal for Volunteers incorporates and replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, created in 1995, by then-Governor General the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc. The Medal builds on the legacy and spirit of the Caring Canadian Award by honouring the dedication and commitment of volunteers.

About West Park Health Care Centre

West Park Healthcare Centre helps patients get their lives back by providing specialized rehabilitative and complex care after a life-altering illness or injury such as lung disease, amputation, stroke, and traumatic musculoskeletal injuries. West Park is building a new hospital and transforming its 27-acre site into an integrated campus of care, enabling the hospital to evolve its rehabilitative programs to meet Ontario's future healthcare needs.

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