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Environmental Network Honours Eco-Heroes

(Halifax) - The Nova Scotia Environmental Network has announced the winners of their annual Eco-Heroes Awards. NSEN is an umbrella organization of environmental and health organizations in the province and they present Eco-Heroes Awards in eight categories.

The winner of the *Nickerson Lifetime Achievement* is Rudy Haase, Executive Secretary of Friends of Nature, who has been an environmental activist for over fifty years. The *Eco-Heroes Group of the Year* is the Save Lincolnville Campaign, a community group in Guysborough, that has worked together to raise awareness of the environmental, health and social risks of the nearby landfill. The *Eco-Hero Environmentalist of the Year* is Peggy Cameron, a renewable energy activist and member of the Energy Issues Committee of the Ecology Action Centre. Ron Zima, the founder of the Children's Clean Air Network in Halifax, wins the *Cole Award for Excellence in Environment and Health* for his work to stop vehicle idling. Mindshift, a high school student group based at the Adventure Earth Centre, wins the *Youth Environmental Leadership Award*. Albert Marshall, an elder in Eskasoni, is awarded the *Marshall Award for Aboriginal Environmental Leadership*.

The Award for *Environmental Political Will* was given to Liberal MLA Keith Colwell for his Bill #26 against tire burning and for a sustainable solution to scrap tires that received royal assent last November. Fred Blois, a member of the Concerned Citizens of Lower Truro and a Director of the Nova Scotia Environmental Network said, "Keith Colwell has provided council and action on many environmental concerns for the citizens of the province." MLA Colwell was in attendance at the ceremony to accept his award.

The Network has launched a new award this year entitled the *Langille Honour in the Woods Award* named after Pam Langille, an environmental activist who died last year. She was a Member of the Eastern Shore Forest Watch and worked to raised awareness about sustainable forestry practices and helped to protect Ship Harbour Long Lake Candidate Wilderness Area.

"All these individuals and groups are exceptional and inspirational environmental leaders. The province is a better place because of their efforts," said Tamara Lorincz, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Environmental Network. The award ceremony was held from 3:00-4:00 pm during the Network's Annual Roundtable at the Nova Scotia Public Archives, 6016 University Avenue in Halifax. More information about the award ceremony and winners can be found on the Nova Scotia Environmental Network's web site: www.nсен.ca

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A background on the awards is found here: <http://www.nсен.ca/ecohero.php> The award ceremony is part of the NSEN Annual ENGO Roundtable, for more details go to www.nсен.ca For more information, please contact:

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