



SABRI Chair recognized with province-wide Seniors Distinction award

Long-time volunteer, and community leader Wayne Noel will be recognized for his outstanding leadership and advocacy by Newfoundland and Labrador Government.

September 16, 2022 – Wayne Noel will be presented with a Senior of Distinction Award by the Honourable Andrew Furey, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Honourable John G. Abbott, Minister of Children, Seniors, and Social Development. This comes after decades of contributions, volunteerism and dedication to his community and the greater St. Anthony area. Noel has been a pivotal voice for St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc. for the past 25 years.

“Wayne Noel is a community leader that inspires change and cares deeply about his hometown and the people in it. Here at SABRI we not only value his voice but the legacy his volunteerism has created, and the future he is helping us build.”

- Christopher Mitchelmore, Executive Director, St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc.

As a volunteer, Wayne was instrumental in the 1970's in re-establishing an ice rink as a member of the St. Anthony Recreation Committee and obtaining the first indoor swimming pool for the community. He also served on Town Council, spent eight years on the Grenfell Historical Society and Chaired the Grenfell Ride Committee for six years. Together with his team, they organized the longest snowmobile ride in the world in 2003 and was recorded in Guinness Book of World Records. Recreation has always been a passion for Wayne, and he remains quite active, still playing recreational hockey, enjoying the great outdoors, and snowmobiling.

In the 1980's, Wayne was involved as a founding member of Rising Sun Developer's Inc., which was the economic agency created to conduct development in the Town of St. Anthony. He still serves on this board many decades later. Wayne leads the Board to advance SABRI Estates, a multi-million-dollar housing initiative that will see the completion of 26 new housing units in the community of St. Anthony to further help the community develop and prosper.

The Seniors of Distinction Awards program recognizes and celebrates the contributions, achievements and diversity of Newfoundland and Labrador's older adults. Noel's commitment to building strong and healthy communities, particularly social and economic development in St. Anthony made him a standout nominee.

The award ceremony will be held in Deer Lake and streamed live on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). The event begins at 11:00 a.m. Newfoundland time.

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