

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS 2021

Nomination: Demonstrating a community response to COVID-19

County of Prince Edward, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, Prince Edward FHT, volunteers from Rotary Club, Lions Club, Kinsmen Club

Supporting the community to access Covid-19 testing, assessment and vaccination services: The Prince Edward Covid-19 Testing and Assessment Centre and Covid-19 Vaccination teams (“the Teams”). This includes various members of: The County of Prince Edward, numerous community volunteers, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, Quinte Health Corporation, the PEFHT.



The Teams have helped provide a significant positive impact for the benefit of the broader community in efforts to ensure person-centred access to safely care for people needing Covid19 testing, assessment or vaccination services. So many individuals from so many organizations came together to establish and deliver supports to counter the negative impacts of Covid-19 and did so in a way that used trust and collaboration to inspire ongoing advocacy for access to care in our region all underpinned by a wonderful spirit of collegiality. This was done in an ever-changing environment, surrounded by uncertainty and required flexibility, best communication. Planning, staffing, building the clinic models, setting up on technology, training on new software, communication across team members and to the public. This mode of working together is exactly what the government had to legislate in the form of Ontario Health Teams; its merits recognition for embodying the coming together and forming relationships to delivery a wonderful number of services when initially Hastings Prince Edward had not identified this geography to have these dedicated resources.