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## Provincial Senior of the Year – Township of McKellar – 2022

McKellar is blessed with a wealth of excellent community volunteers. Not just in the short term but over time - and time again without ever being asked to help. Today we honour "a lifer" of living in and giving back to her community. I would like to invite Vivian Moore to join me to receive her Provincial Senior of the Year award for McKellar.

Vivian lived a majority of her life in McKellar. She is an outstanding model, of one who continually gives back to her community. She has worked tirelessly preserve, display and celebrate the accurate history of McKellar when creating our new Heritage Room. She has chaired our Historical Committee for many years, providing great insight into the special nature of the people and events in McKellar's history.

Here are some highlights of her outstanding contribution to the quality of life in McKellar as a volunteer:

- Has spent years creating, gathering, cataloguing and building our excellent Heritage Museum
- On many occasions has made time coming from Parry Sound welcoming visitors on a tour of the Heritage room and answering all their questions
- A Founding member of the Historical Committee and its chair for many years
- Raised money through special events, dances and draws to support historical projects in McKellar
- Was instrumental in organizing our McKellar Christmas Past events involving members of the original families of McKellar
- Helped organize many historical events in McKellar historical farm tours, identifying our historical farms, the creation and opening of historical plaques and sites
- Was instrumental in convincing Council to restore and preserve our two historical churches in Broadbent and Hemlock
- Heavily involved in the creation of the Historical Walks in McKellar as a knowledgeable leader for groups tours
- Heavily involved in the creation of the 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial calendar on sale for 2023
- During the lockdown in the early days of Covid, she organized groups of McKellar women to sew masks and surgical gowns
- She volunteers at our Fall Fair each year

It has been said she is related to everyone in McKellar and could write her own book if prompted.

In short, she is a knowledgeable, dedicated and unassuming individual who has willingly given back to her community. On behalf of our MPP, our Council and special citizens of McKellar, thank you for all that you do to make us proud to be from McKellar.

Respectfully, Peter Hopkins, Mayor of McKellar, September 10, 2022