



# IODE Canada *EXPRESS NEWS*

## **IODE RCMP Community Service Award 2021**

### **Constable Gordon Nowicki**

E Division, Nanaimo, British Columbia

IODE chapters across Canada recognize police officers, firefighters and first responders with special recognition for the exemplary volunteer commitments they have outside of their professional working hours. In 1992, IODE Canada instituted an annual award to commend a member of our national police force, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, for exemplary volunteer service in the community. We are most grateful to the RCMP Honours and Recognition Detachment for their efforts in providing us with suitable nominees over the years.

The IODE RCMP Community Service Award for 2021 was presented at the time of the 121st National Annual Meeting of IODE Canada on Thursday 03 June 2021 via videoconference.

Constable Nowicki has been working with the Nanaimo Detachment and community since the fall of 2011, raising the profile of the RCMP through his volunteer work. He regularly volunteers with the Nanaimo Minor Hockey League as a coach, score keeper, music director and safety advisor, as well as with the City of Nanaimo Youth Leadership programs. Constable Nowicki's presentations address leadership, being a good teammate, good sportsmanship, being in the public eye, decision making and making smart choices.

In addition, Constable Nowicki works with Special Olympics Nanaimo, assisting with presentations and participating in special events. He is involved with the Community Living British Columbia – Nanaimo Association For Community Living home share program in which a special needs client lives full time with a volunteer family. Constable Nowicki also provides respite care over the weekends for adults with special needs or disabilities. All of this is outside the scope of his regular duties.

He continues to demonstrate an on-going commitment to excellence in the community and within the RCMP and significantly contributes to the quality of life for all. The members of The National Chapter of Canada IODE, assembled for their 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, are honoured to present the 2021 The National Chapter of Canada RCMP Community Service Award to **RCMP Constable Gordon Nowicki**.

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