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## Rick Bonnette Honoured as 2023 Citizen of the Year

It was a full house at the Acton Town Hall Centre, on October 24th, as family and friends gathered to celebrate and honour Rick Bonnette as Acton's Citizen of the Year for 2023.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Acton, the special evening featured a dinner and a number of guest speakers, congratulating the former Halton Hills mayor on receiving the honour as Citizen of the Year.

Those on hand to offer their words of praise and congrats were Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, Halton Hills Mayor Ann Lawlor, Rotary President Rob Vandervecht, Anne and Lloyd McIntyre, Jon Hurst, Ron Henry, and Melanie Hennessey.

Bonnette was the Mayor of Halton Hills for 19 years until retiring in 2019. Prior to becoming Mayor in 2003, he served on town council



Rick Bonnette and wife Josey (2015 recipient), surrounded by past Citizen of the Year recipients during a dinner celebration on Tuesday, October 24th, at the Acton Town Hall Centre. *Scott Brooks photo*

and regional council, with his political career starting in 1982.

While Bonnette is the 66th recipient of this award, being true to his humble character, he says this is not an award that belongs to him, but to everyone who have contributed to the community.

"This is just not my award, tonight, it's for all of past recipients of the Citizens' of the Year as all of you have contributed to this town to make it so strong and so vibrant. This isn't my award, it's for all of you here tonight, and I am so deeply honoured to be recognized for this award."



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