28 July 2026

ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (O.P.E.I.)
2026

TERMS:



Awarded to citizens of Prince Edward Island as the highest distinction accorded to a citizen of the province in the name of the Crown to recognize excellence and contributions to the social, cultural and economic life of the province and its residents. The Medal of Merit represents exceptional contributions in such areas of endeavour as the arts, business and industry, community development, chosen professions or occupations, public service, research, or volunteer service.

Any individual or organization may submit nominations for the investiture in the Order of Prince Edward Island. Any present or former long-term resident of the province is eligible for nomination, with the exception of elected federal, provincial or municipal representatives, and members of the judiciary, while still holding office. Posthumous nominations are not accepted. An independent Advisory Council receives nominations and presents recipients to the Premier on an annual basis. The Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island is the Chancellor of the Order and presents the honour in the name of the Crown.

Recipients may use the post-nominal letters: O.P.E.I. The recipients are announced in June of each year and the medals presented in mid-September of each year.

DESCRIPTION:

A circular medal, 2 inches in diameter done in enamels.

OBVERSE:

In the centre is the Provincial emblem (red, gold, white, green and brown enamels) against a background of gold. A ring of blue enamel is around the emblem with the word MERIT at the top in gold separated from the words Prince Edward Island (in gold) at the bottom by two gold dots.

The French version of the medal has:

In the centre is the Provincial emblem (red, gold, white, green and brown enamels) against a background of gold. A ring of blue enamel is around the emblem with the word MERITE at the top in gold separated from the words ILLE-DU-PRINCE-EDOUARD (in gold) at the bottom by two gold dots.

REVERSE:

Blank

MOUNTING:

A gold ring at the top with the hole aligned along the rim of the medal has a large gold ring attached. The ribbon passes through this ring and is worn around the neck.

RIBBON:

The ribbon is 1 /12 inches wide with narrow white edges (1/8" wide), rust and green stripes (1/2" wide) separated by a white stripe (1/4" wide) (rust strip is to the left).

DATES:

Established in 1996 and formalized through the passage of the Provincial Emblems and Honours Act by the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island in 1997 (Provincial Emblems and Honours Act, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. 36, was given Royal Assent on 29 May, 1997).

ISSUED: 105 to 24 July 2026 (one resigned in 2017)

6 – 1996
3 – 1997
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4 – 2000 (including the current LG)
4 – 2001 (including 1 LG)
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4 – 2006 (including 1 LG)
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4 – 2011 (including 1 LG)
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3 – 2015
3 – 2016 (John Joe Sark resigned May 2017) 15 June 2016
4 – 2017 (3 plus the new Lieutenant-Governor Antoinette Perry who was appointed 20 October 2017)
3 – 2018 (Announced 06 July 2018; ceremony in October 2018)
3 – 2019 (Announced 28 June 2019; ceremony in September 2019)
3 – 2020 (announced 13 July 2020; ceremony 30 September 2020)
3 – 2021 (announced 30 June 2021; ceremony September 2021)
3 – 2022 (announced 22 June 2022; ceremony Fall 2022)
3 – 2023 (announced 01 June 2023; ceremony Fall 2023)
4 – 2024 (announced 27 June 2024; ceremony Fall 2024) (including new LG)
3 – 2025 (announced 10 June 2025.
3 – 2026 (announced 24 July 2026.

Total – 105 awarded to 01 August 2026 (one resignation in May 2017)

ANNOUNCED: June or July

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ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2022	**ANDREW, John Wallace**	Dr	Medical Physicist / Watershed Issues	OPEI
2018	**ARENDZ, Mark**	Mr	Eight-Time Paralympic Medalist	OPEI
2005	**ARSENAULT, Angèle**	Ms	Acadian Author / Composer / Performer	OC OPEI
2004	**ARSENAULT, Eloi**	Father	Promotion of the Acadian Culture	OPEI
2019	**ARSENAULT, Jeannette**	Ms	Owner Gift Shop Shop & Play in Albany	OPEI
2003	**ARSENAULT, Joseph Georges**	Prof	Radio Host / Editor / Acadian History	CM OPEI
2005	**BAGNELL, Flora Minnie Leone**	Ms	Farmer / Teacher / MLA in PEI	CM OPEI
2016	**BATEMAN, Carolyn**	Ms	Co-Founder Autism Society of PEI	**OPEI MSM**
2008	**BERNARD, Darlene**	Chief	Lennox Island Mi'kmaq First Nations	OPEI
2001	**BERNARD, J. Léonce**	Hon	Chancellor of OPEI 2001 / Lt-Gov PEI	KStJ OPEI
2004	**BOLGER, Francis W.P.**	Prof	History Univ. PEI / Montgomery Expert	CM OPEI
2025	**BRINKLOW, Laurie**	Asst Professor	UPEI / Founder Acorn Press / Island Literature	OPEI
2019	**BRODERICK, Leo**	Mr	Tignish Native / Activist for Social Justice	OPEI
2012	**BRYANT, Emily**	Ms	Work in Mental Health / Nursing Clyde River	OPEI
2020	**BRYANTON, Olive**	Prof	UPEI / First multi-purpose Seniors Centre PEI	OPEI
1998	**BRYENTON, Marlene**	Ms	Crusader for Women with Breast Cancer	OPEI
2008	**BUELL, Garnet**	Mr	Musician	OPEI
1998	**BURGE, Marie**	Ms	Founder Family Reunification PEI	OPEI
2017	**CALLBECK, Catherine S.**	Hon	Premier 1993 to 1996 / MP / Senator	CM OPEI
2011	**CALLBECK, William C.**	Mr	Volunteerism Central Bedeque	OPEI
2026	**CAMERON, Scott**	Dr	Development of PEI Emergency Medical Care	OPEI
2006	**CAMERON, Sheldon R.**	Dr	Work in Addictions Treatment	OPEI
2013	**CAMPBELL, Alexander Bradshaw**	Hon	Premier of PEI 1966 to 1978 / PEI Judge	OPEI
2015	**CAMPBELL, Bill**	Mr	Founder Bills Lane Housing Development	OPEI
2026	**CHIASSON-PENDERGAST, Eileen**	Ms	Fostering Acadian & Francophone Language	OPEI
1996	**CHEVERIE, Charles**	Rev	Professor of Biology University of PEI	OPEI
2019	**CHISHTI, Najmul H.**	Dr	Research Scientist / Youth Table Tennis	OPEI
2000	**CLEMENTS, Gilbert R.**	Hon	Chancellor of OPEI 1996-2001	OPEI
2021	**CORRIGAN-MURPHY, Noreen**	Ms	Owner Corrigan Lodge Elder Care / Philanthan.	OPEI
2023	**CURRIE, Teresa**	Sister	Tireless Worker for the Less Fortunate	OPEI
2018	**CUTCLIFFE, Heather**	Ms	Occupational Therapist from Augustine Cove	OPEI
2012	**CUTCLIFFE, Sibyl**	Ms	Fundraising / Volunteer Work	OPEI

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YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2024	**DAU-SCHMIDT, Kathryn**	Ms	Teaching Traditional Fiddling in PEI	OPEI
2011	**DAVIES, Eleanor**	Ms	Nurse / Island Hospice Association	OPEI
2003	**DEACON, Donald M.**	Major	RCA / Co-Chair Katimavik / Boy Scouts	OC OPEI MC (CM)
1997	**DEIGHAN, Mary**	Sister	Leader in St. Martha's Church	OPEI
1996	**DEWAR, George**	Dr	Founded University PEI	CM OPEI
2013	**DEWAR, Vera Elizabeth**	Prof	Nursing University of PEI	CM OPEI
2015	**DIXON, Gerald Sheldon**	Mr	Teacher / Basketball Coach / Horses	OPEI
2016	**DRYER, Dagny**	Dr	She is PEI's First Medical Oncologist	OPEI
2002	**DUFFY, Anna**	Mrs	Teacher and Community Service	OPEI
2010	**DUFFY, Regis**	Prof	Dean of Science U of PEI / BioVectra	CM OPEI
1999	**ELDERSHAW, Edith**	Ms	Community Service Tignish	OPEI
1996	**ELLIS, Kent**	Dr	Physician in Hunt River for 40 Years	OPEI
2000	**GAUDET, J. Henri**	Mr	Acadian and Irish Heritage	CM OPEI
2002	**GRAHAM, Allan**	Mr	Author/Lecturer /Historian/Musician	OPEI
2010	**GRIFFIN, Diane F.**	Ms	PEI Program Manager Nature Conservation	OPEI
2006	**HAGARMAN, Barbara A.**	Hon	Chancellor / 40th Lt-Gov of PEI	DStJ OPEI
2014	**HAMBLY, H. Wayne**	Mr	Chair Mega Group Furniture/Appliance	CM OPEI
2009	**HAMBLY, Wilma**	Ms	Businesswoman / Church Elder	OPEI
2008	**HAMILL, Nancy Ann**	Ms	Health advocate / Teacher / Cancer Work	OPEI
2017	**HENNESSEY, Catherine**	Ms	Historian /Author/ Heritage Activist.	CM OPEI
1996	**HOGAN, James**	Mr	Visual Artist	OPEI
2000	**HUDSON, J. Arthur**	Mr	Work with Church, School Boards, Sports	OPEI
2023	**HUGHES, Mary**	Ms	Palliative Care Community Nurse	OPEI
2012	**INGS, Albert "Bud"**	Dr	Veterinarian / MLA & Minister / Writer	OPEI

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YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2018	**JEWELL, Irene**	Ms	Jewell's Country Gardens in York	OPEI
2005	**KEY, Derek D.**	Mr	Lawyer / Summerside Volunteer	CM OPEI
2006	**LEDWELL, Frank J.**	Mr	Poet Laureate of PEI	OPEI
2006	**LEWIS, Dorothy A.**	Ms	Entrepreneur / Historian	OPEI
2011	**LEWIS, H. Frank**	Hon	Lieutenant-Gov / Chancellor of OPEI	KStJ OPEI
1997	**LINKLETTER, Charles**	Mr	PEI Tourism Industry	CM OPEI
2025	**LUND, Kirstin**	Ms	Community Building / Women's Rights	OPEI MSM
2017	**MacAULAY, James Clement**	Mr	Principal in St. Peters Bay / Revitalization	OPEI
2024	**MacDONALD, Ed (George Edward)**	Prof	UPEI History / History of PEI	CM OPEI
2009	**MacDONALD, Elmer**	Mr	Agrologist of the Year 1991 / Farmer	OPEI
2021	**MacISAAC, Maitland**	Mr	Fostering Wellness & Promoting Literacy	OPEI
2014	**MacLAUCHLAN, H. Wade**	Prof	Pres Univ of PEI / Dean Law Dalhousie	CM OPEI
2007	**MacLEAN, William ('Bill')**	Mr	International Children's Memorial Place	OPEI MSM
1997	**MacRAE, Helen Stewart**	Ms	Worker with the I.O.D.E.	OPEI
2000	**McGUINN, Shirley**	Ms	School Teacher / Work with Students	OPEI
2004	**McNEILL, Mary Barbara**	Ms	First Atlantic Cdn to Swim English Channel	OPEI
2013	**MADIGANE, Joyce**	Dr	40 years Physician Tyne Valley	OPEI
2001	**MALONEY, John**	Dr	Obstetrician / MLA / Cabinet	OPEI
2001	**MANNING, Maylea**	Mrs	Agriculture / Equestrian Sports / Music	OPEI
2021	**MORRISON, Heather**	Dr	Chief Public Health Officer of PEI since 2007	OPEI
2014	**MOYSE, Heather Leanne**	Ms	Gold in Bobsleigh Olympics 2010 & 2014	OPEI
2007	**MURPHY, Ray**	Mr	Pharmacist / Volunteer Work	CM OPEI
1999	**O'HANLEY, Hubert 'Sock'**	Dr	Pediatrician 50 Years	OPEI
2023	**PARSONS, Scott**	Mr	Singer / Songwriter / Black & Maritime Music	OPEI
2017	**PERRY, Antoinette**	Hon	LG of PEI / Music & French Teacher Tignish	DStJ OPEI
2025	**PETRIE, Ian**	Mr	Longtime CBC Radio and TV Journalist	OPEI
1996	**POIRIER, M. Ulric**	Mr	Teacher / WWII Service	OPEI
2020	**PURDY, Henry**	Mr	Professional Visual Artist & Art Instructor	CM OPEI
1996	**REID, Marion**	Hon	Lieutenant-Governor of PEI	CM DStJ OPEI
1998	**RICHARD, Antoine**	Mr	Acadian Education	CM OPEI
2007	**ROBBINS, Helen**	Ms	Teacher / Community Volunteer	OPEI

ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2016	**SARK, John Joe**	Keptin	Spiritual Leader for the Mi'Kmaq People	OPEI
2017	*SARK, John Joe* **- Resigned**	Keptin	Spiritual Leader for the Mi'Kmaq People	-------
2022	**SCHNEIDER, Gary**	Mr	Respected and Committed Environmentalist	OPEI
1999	**SCHURMAN, Paul H.**	Mr	Pres Gulf Broadcasting	CM OPEI
2020	**SIMPSON, B.E. ('Bev').**	Mr	Owner Vesey Seeds Ltd. with wife Shirley	OPEI
2010	**SMITH, Brady**	Father	Addictions Treatment Charlottetown	OPEI
2026	**STEWART, Dave**	Mr	Writer / Cartoonist / Film Maker 2SLGTQIA+	OPEI
2022	**THÉRIAULT, Claudette**	Ms	Distinguished Francophone PEI Civil Servant	OPEI
2024	T**HOMPSON, Reginald "Dutch"**	Mr	Recording 1st hand & lived Experiences	OPEI
2015	**TRAINOR, Charles St. Clair**	Dr	Family Physician / PEI Chief Coroner	OPEI
2001	**WALL, Kay**	Mrs	Active Volunteer over 38 Years	OPEI
2002	**WILLIAMS, Elmer**	Mr	Post Officer/Community Service	OPEI
2003	**WILSON, J.P. Noel**	Mr	Council Chair Cardigan 26 Years	OPEI
2011	**WONG, David**	Dr	Pediatrician Summerside / Neonatal Care	OPEI
2009	**ZAKEM, Frank**	Mr	Mayor of Charlottetown / Educator	OPEI

John Joe Sark, Keptin and Spiritual Leader for the Mi'Kmaq People resigned from the Order in May 2017 because the government would not change the name of Fort Amherst. General Amherst was a British General who sold blankets laced with smallpox to the natives in Prince Edward Island and Mr. Sark believed keeping the name was an insult to the Mi'Kmag People (and he is right). However, the Province doesn't control the name.

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ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND + OFFICER / MEMBER, ORDER of CANADA

(OC / CM OPEI)

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2005	**ARSENAULT, Angèle**	Ms	Acadian Author / Composer / Performer	OC OPEI
2003	**ARSENAULT, Joseph Georges**	Prof	Radio Host / Editor / Acadian History	CM OPEI
2005	**BAGNELL, Flora Minnie Leone**	Ms	Farmer / Teacher / MLA in PEI	CM OPEI
2004	**BOLGER, Francis W.P.**	Prof	History Univ of PEI / Montgomery Expert	CM OPEI
2017	**CALLBECK, Catherine S.**	Hon	Premier 1993 to 1996 / MP / Senator	CM OPEI
2013	**CAMPBELL, Alexander B.**	Hon	Premier of PEI 1966 to 1978 / PEI Judge	OC OPEI
2003	**DEACON, Donald Mackay**	Major	RCA / Co-Chair Katimavik / Boy Scouts	OC OPEI MC (CM)
1996	**DEWAR, George**	Dr	Founding University of PEI	CM OPEI
2013	**DEWAR, Vera Elizabeth**	Prof	Nursing University of PEI	CM OPEI
2010	**DUFFY, Regis**	Prof	Dean of Science U of PEI / BioVectra	CM OPEI
2000	**GAUDET, J. Henri**	Mr	Acadia & Irish Heritage	CM OPEI
2014	**HAMBLY, H. Wayne**	Mr	Chair Mega Group Furniture/Appliance	CM OPEI
2017	**HENNESSEY, Catherine**	Ms	Historian /Author/ Heritage Activist.	CM OPEI
2005	**KEY, Derek D.**	Mr	Lawyer / Summerside Volunteer	CM OPEI
1997	**LINKLETTER, Charles**	Mr	PEI Tourism Industry	CM OPEI
2024	**MacDONALD, Ed (George Edward)**	Prof	UPEI History / History of PEI	CM OPEI
2014	**MacLAUCHLAN, H. Wade**	Prof	Pres Univ. of PEI / Dean Law Dalhousie	CM OPEI
2007	**MURPHY, Ray**	Mr	Pharmacist / Volunteer Work	CM OPEI
2020	**PURDY, Henry**	Mr	Professional Visual Artist & Art Instructor	CM OPEI
1996	**REID, Marion**	Hon	Lieutenant-Governor of PEI	CM DStJ OPEI
1998	**RICHARD, Antoine**	Mr	Acadian Education	CM OPEI
1999	**SCHURMAN, Paul H.**	Mr	President Gulf Broadcasting	CM OPEI

ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND + MILITARY CROSS

(OPEI MC)

YEAR	MC	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
2003	10/11/45	**DEACON, Donald Mackay**	Major	Royal Canadian Artillery	OC OPEI MC (CM)



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ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND + MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil)

(OPEI MSM)

YEAR	MSM	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
2025	29/01/22	**LUND, Kirstin**	Ms	Community Building / Women's Rights	OPEI MSM
2007	27/12/25	**MacLEAN, William ('Bill')**	Mr	International Children's Memorial Place	OPEI MSM

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2010 OPEI Recipients



Premier Robert Ghiz, Diane F. Griffin, Dr. Regis Duffy, Father Brady Smith and Honourable Barbara Hagerman

2013 OPEI Recipients



Right to Left: Premier Robert Ghiz with 2013 Order of PEI recipients Dr. Joyce Madigane, Vera Dewar and AlexCampbell. His Honour H. Frank Lewis, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island and Chancellor of the Order

2014 OPEI Recipients



Premier Robert Ghiz with 2014 Order of PEI recipients Wade Maclaughlan, Heather Moyse, and Wayne Hambly plus His Honour H. Frank Lewis, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island and Chancellor of the Order

2015 OPEI Recipients



Bill Campbell, Gerald Dixon & Dr. Charles Trainor

2016 OPEI Recipients



Carolyn Bateman, LG Frank Lewis, John Joe Sark (resigned), Dr. Dagny Dryer

2019 OPEI Recipients



Najmul H. Chishti **Jeanette Arsenault** **Leo Broderick**

2020 OPEI Recipients



Left to right: The Hon. Dennis King, Premier of PEI; recipients Bev Simpson, Professor Olive Bryanton and Henry Purdy; plus the Hon. Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI

2021 OPEI Recipients



Noreen Corrigan-Murphy, OPEI



Dr. Heather Morrison, OPEI
Chief Public Health Officer



Mr. Maitland MacIsaac, OPEI



2021 OPEI Recipients

Lt. Gov. Antoinette Perry, Dr. Heather Morrison, Noreen Corrigan, Maitland MacIsaac and P.E.I. Premier Dennis King

2022 OPEI Recipients

Announced on 22 June 2022
ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2022	**ANDREW, John Wallace**	Dr	Medical Physicist / Watershed Issues	OPEI
2022	**SCHNEIDER, Gary**	Mr	Respected and Committed Environmentalist	OPEI
2022	**THÉRIAULT, Claudette**	Ms	Distinguished Francophone PEI Civil Servant	OPEI

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OPEI Recipients 2022
Gary Schneider, Claudette Thériault and John Wallace Andrew

2023 OPEI Recipients

Announced on 01 June 2023
ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2023	**CURRIE, Teresa**	Sister	Tireless Worker for the Less Fortunate	OPEI
2023	**HUGHES, Mary**	Ms	Palliative Care Community Nurse	OPEI
2023	**PARSONS, Scott**	Mr	Singer / Songwriter / Black & Maritime Music	OPEI

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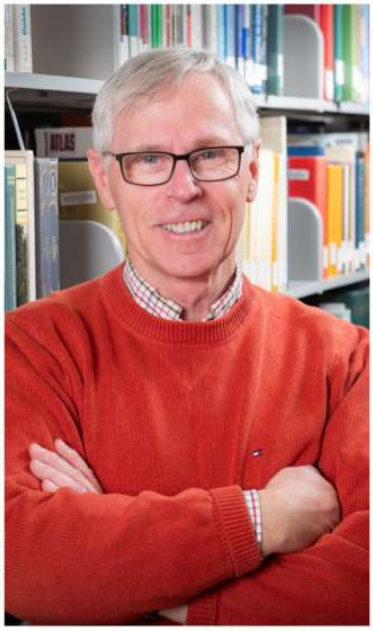
2023 OPEI Recipients
Hon. Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI **Sister Teresa Currie, Scott Parsons; Ms. Mary Hughes** Premier Dennis King

ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)
Recipients 2024

Announced on 27 June 2024

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2024	**DAU-SCHMIDT, Kathryn**	Ms	Teaching Traditional Fiddling in PEI	OPEI
2024	**MacDONALD, Edward**	Prof	UPEI History / History of PEI	CM OPEI
2024	**THOMPSON, Reginald "Dutch"**	Mr	Recording 1st hand & lived Experiences	OPEI

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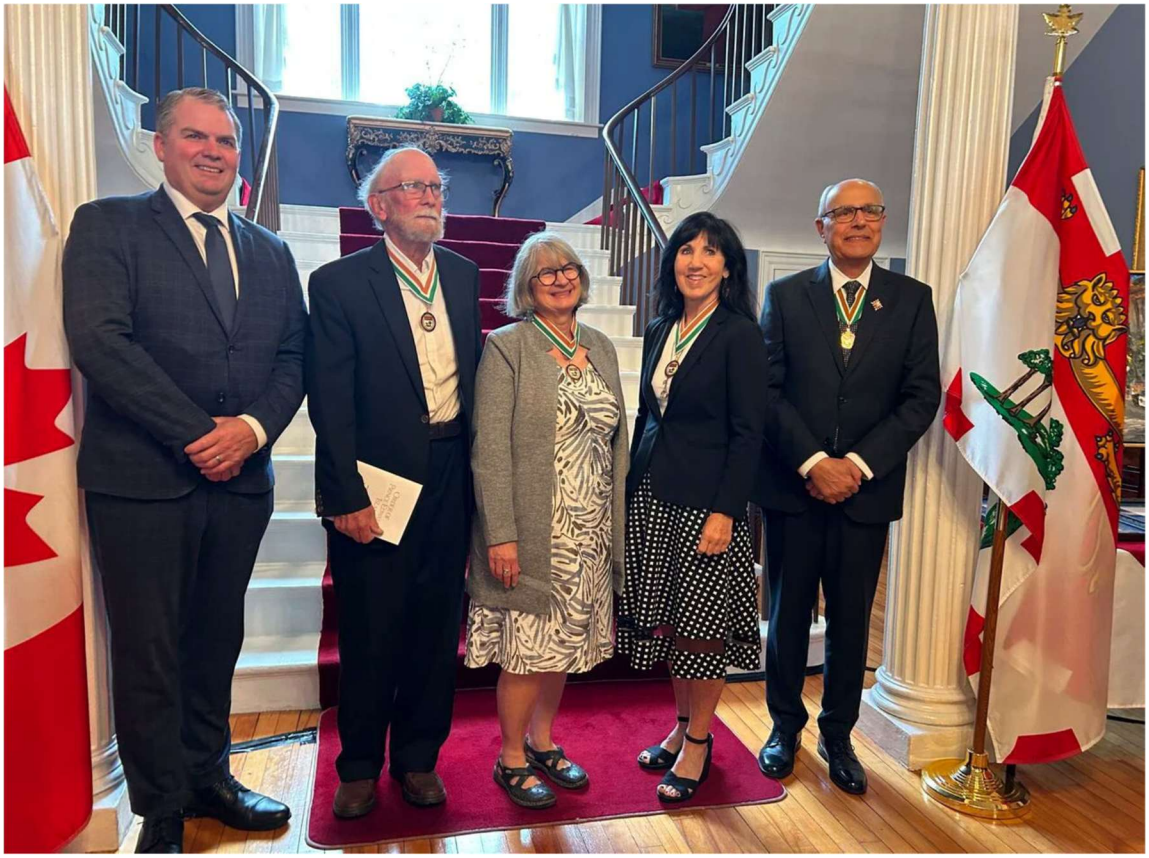

2024 OPEI Recipients
Kathryn Dau-Schmidt - Edward MacDonald - Reginald "Dutch" Thompson

ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)
Recipients 2025

Announced on 10 June 2025
Presented on 24 September 2025

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2025	**BRINKLOW, Laurie**	Asst Professor	UPEI / Founder Acorn Press / Island Literature	OPEI
2025	**LUND, Kirstin**	Ms	Community Building / Women's Rights	OPEI MSM
2025	**PETRIE, Ian**	Mr	Longtime CBC Radio and TV Journalist	OPEI

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2025 OPEI Recipients
Honourable Bloyce Thompson - Ian Petrie – Laurie Brinklow
– Kirstin Lund – LG Wassim Salamoun, OPEI

ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)
Recipients 2026

Announced on 23 July 2026
Presented in Fall 2026

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2026	**CAMERON, Scott**	Dr	Development of PEI Emergency Medical Care	OPEI
2026	**CHIASSON-PENDERGAST, Eileen**	Ms	Fostering Acadian & Francophone Language	OPEI
2026	**STEWART, Dave**	Mr	Writer / Cartoonist / Film Maker 2SLGTQIA+	OPEI