

Aline Visser recognized



Well known community activist Aline Visser was one of three recent recipients of the Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award. Visser, a Thetford Mines native, is a lifelong volunteer with an extensive list of involvements in the fields of education, health and community development in her local community. Active in women's, youth and mental health issues, the indefatigable Visser is a founding member of the Megantic English-speaking Community Development Corporation (MCDC), has sat on the boards of both Voice of English-speaking Quebec (VEQ) and Townshipers' Association, and has served as

vice-president and as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Community Economic Development and Employability Corporation (CEDEC). She also sits on the board of the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Chaudière-Appalaches, is president of the Thetford health and social service center (CSSS), and sits on the provincial committee that advises the government on access to health and social services in English.

The Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award was launched during the 15th anniversary celebrations of the QCGN in 2009 individuals who have built bridges of understanding between Quebecers of

different backgrounds. QCGN named its community service award after Dr. and Mrs. Goldbloom who embody the values the award was seeking to recognize.

The Quebec Community Groups Network (www.qcgn.ca) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together 38 English-language community organizations across Quebec. Its mission is to identify, explore and address strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of English-speaking Que-

bec and to encourage dialogue and collaboration among its member organizations, individuals, community groups institutions and leaders.