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News Release

AMM Awards Youth Leadership

March 14, 2014 - The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2014 George Harbottle Memorial Young Community Leader Award is Dane Monkman. The AMM presented the award at the Manitoba School Boards Association Celebration of Success evening on March 13.

“Children and youth play a vital role in our communities, and the contribution made by today’s winner is impressive,” said President Doug Dobrowolski before presenting the award.

Dane is a Grade 12 student at Gimli High School in the Evergreen School Division. He is a positive role model for others as a member of the Evergreen School Division Board of Trustees (student representative for the past two years), Evergreen School Division Student Council, Gimli High School (GHS) Student Council, GHS Enviro Club, and Evergreen School Division EAGLE Group. Dane is also one of the Grad Heads for this year’s graduating class and a new member of the Rural Municipality Environmental Advisory Committee – a community citizen volunteer group.

Teacher Cheryl Bailey, one of Dane’s sponsors for this award, noted “No matter what path he chooses, I am completely confident that Dane will continue to contribute positively to his community. He is the kind of leader the world needs, one whose actions and words are positive, respectful, insightful and considerate.”

“When I work in the community, it is because it betters the community, and shows others that they should also contribute in similar ways,” says Dane. “I believe a good, contributing citizen does volunteer, become active in their community, become informed on important matters in society, and treat others with respect and fairness.”

Sponsor Penny Ross, Aboriginal Education Coordinator for Evergreen School Division, also has high praise for this year’s recipient. “There’s a saying, “if you’re going to talk the talk, you’ve got to walk the walk.” When I hear this I think of Dane.”

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The AMM established the Young Community Leader Award in 2009, in conjunction with the Manitoba School Board Association Citizenship Awards.

The Award was re-named in 2012 to honour the memory of AMM Honourary Life Member George Harbottle.