Seven MUNPA Members Receive Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteer Work on East Coast Trail

Seven MUNPA members, identified in the caption above, were awarded the Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers at a ceremony in the Government House Garden on August 21. The medals were presented by Lt. Gov. Judy Foote on behalf of the Governor General of Canada.

A total of thirteen awards were given for outstanding volunteer work on behalf of the East Coast Trail. The Trail is marking the 25th anniversary of its founding this year. These volunteers were all involved in pioneering work on the trail, and many continue to serve the trail organization in various capacities, ranging from route finding and trail maintenance to hike leading and governance roles.

The Sovereign’s Medal is intended to honour volunteers who have made a significant and sustained contribution to their community, either in Canada or abroad. The awards to the East Coast Trail Association volunteers the largest number of recipients for one group or organization in the history of Newfoundland and Labrador.