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**RE: Town of Amherst honours Athletic Achievers**

**AMHERST, Nova Scotia** – Five teams and 24 individuals were honoured by the Town of Amherst during an April 18 Athletic Achievers Award Ceremony.

Those recognized achieved a gold medal performance at the provincial or higher level of competition.

Noting the town was recently identified at an international symposium as a vibrant community, Mayor Kogon said the athletes' success at the provincial or higher level was "a step beyond being vibrant and active. This is now success."

"Congratulations to everybody," he added. "These certificates are well earned. Amherst has had a great year."

The teams recognized were:

- The Amherst Spartans, Basketball Nova Scotia Under-18 Girls Division 3 provincial champions. Team members are: Kylee Balsler, Emma Gould, Sharon McCrossin, Tameka Hussey, Keira Dyck, Olivia Scott, Lauren Furlong, Chloe Stubbert, Rebecca Fromm, Ceilidh Bennett, Tom Skabar (coach) and Ashley McEachern (assistant coach).
- Team Faught, mixed curling 65+ team provincial gold medal winners. Team members



**Liam Bennet looks at the certificate of achievement he received from the Town of Amherst at its Athletic Achievers Award Ceremony. Liam, a member of JC's Tae Kwon Do, was recognized for capturing gold in the 8-9-year-old, boy's yellow-belt patterns competition at the Maritime Open Martial Arts Championship. (Town of Amherst photo)**



are: Brian Faught, Marjorie Brown, Dan Jolly, Linda Harrison and Terry Gilroy.

- The Springhill Fencebusters, 11U provincial and Atlantic baseball 2017 champions. Team members are: Kyler Edwards, Kieran Sears, Mandel Nickerson, Gregor Millard, Trey Johnston Smith, Liam Brown, Chase Livingston, Ethan Fraser, Cohen Ingraham, Phoenix Remington, Nolan McNally, Randy Smith (coach), Scott Millard (coach), Adam Brown (coach) and Kyle Remington (coach).
- The Amherst "A's", Division 5 girls basketball provincial champions. Team members are: Katherine McEachern, Sykora Hussey, Kristin Dupuis, Maddison Landry, Avery Bryan, Mataya Sangster, Cassidy Sangster, Hailey Johnson, Meagan Teed, Brooklyn Nicholson, Fred Gould (coach), Leigh Johnson (assistant coach)
- Cumberland County Toyota Ramblers, Pee Wee AA mainland conference champions. Team members are: Phoenix Remington, Hayden Crocket, Nate Arseneau, Reece MacDonald, Jimmy Carr, Ben Macdonald, Nolan McNally, Sammy Maddison, Burke Beed, Alex Herrett, Kieran Sears, Mandel Nickerson, Ethan Rose, Aidan McBurnie, Brady Stack, Kyler Edwards, Jeff Walsh (head coach), Corey Crocker (assistant coach), Mike Stack (assistant coach), Seth Herrett (manager) and Kim Maddison (trainer).

Individuals recognized were:

- Savannah Cobbett, Amherst Skating Club, gold in the pre-juvenile tri-province sectionals and gold in the pre-juvenile at the Nova Scotia provincials.
- Eve Scott, Amherst Skating Club, gold in the Star 4 elements at the Nova Scotia provincials.
- Jessica Landry, Aerials Gymnastic Club, Open 6 provincial bar champion Nova Scotia provincial gymnastics.
- Simon Buske, Cumberland Spartans Swim Club, first in the 50-metre butterfly, first in the 50-metre freestyle and first in the 200-metre individual medley in the Level 1 division at the NovaTech Explosion provincial championships.
- Reagan Bushen, Cumberland Spartans Swim Club, first in the 25-metre backstroke in the Level P division at the NovaTech Explosion provincial championships.
- Olivia Bacon, Cumberland Spartans Swim Club, first in the 50-metre freestyle at the winter provincial championships.



- Jessica Liebmann, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Eastern Canadian junior women's heavy-weight red-belt sparring gold medalist, Maritime Open Martial Arts Championships junior women's blue-belt patterns and heavy-weight sparring gold medalist.
- Angela Jorgenson, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Eastern Canadian ITF Championships senior women's red-belt middle-weight sparring gold medalist and Maritime Open Martial Arts senior women's red-belt middle-weight sparring gold medalist.
- Margaret Mattinson, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Canadian ITF Nationals, women's blue-belt middle-weight sparring gold medalist.
- Rob Zerdzicki, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Valley ITF Open Martial Arts Championships, senior men's yellow-belt patterns and sparring gold medalist.
- Bialy Zerdzicki, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Maritime Open Martial Arts Championships, boys 7-8-years-old, yellow-belt patterns gold medalist.
- Kaden Wilson, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Eastern Canadian ITF Championships, boys 7-9-years-old, green-belt lightweight sparring gold medalist.
- Nathaniel White, JC's Tae Kwon Do, boy's 8-9-years-old blue-belt patterns gold medalist; Valley ITF Open, 9-10-years-old, blue-belt patterns gold medalist; Nova Scotia ITF Open Championships, blue-belt patterns and sparring gold medalist; Moncton Tae Kwon-Do Open Championships, 8-9-year-old, green-belt patterns gold medalist and coloured-belt grand champion and sparring gold medalist; Maritime Open Martial Arts Championships, 8-9-year-old, green-belt patterns gold medalist and coloured-belt grand champion.
- Brandon Arseneault, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Canadian ITF National Championships, pre-junior light-weight sparring gold medalist and Eastern Canadian ITF Championships, pre-junior middle-weight sparring gold medalist.
- Xavier Hart, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Eastern Canadian ITF Championships, pre-junior men's blue-belt, middle-weight sparring gold medalist.
- Sue Smith, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Eastern Canadian ITF Championships, senior women's hyper-weight sparring gold medalist.
- Jaina Rayworth, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Maritime Open Martial Arts Championships, girl's green-belt patterns and children's 6-10-year-old high kick gold medalist.
- Liam Bennet, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Maritime Open Martial Arts Championship, 8-9-year-old, boy's yellow-belt patterns gold medalist.



- Sebastien Emmerson, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Moncton Open Tae Kwon-Do Championships, junior men's light-weight sparring and junior men's high kick gold medalist.
- Kathy Lawrence, JC's Tae Kwon Do, Maritime Open Martial Arts Championships, senior women's blue-belt patterns gold medalist.
- Mary Ann Belliveau, Special Olympics Nova Scotia Provincial Summer Games, standing long jump.
- Elsie Pettigrew, Special Olympics Nova Scotia Provincial Summer Games, 50-metre race and standing long jump.
- Kyle Dillman, Special Olympics Nova Scotia Provincial Summer Games, running long jump.
- Adrian Henderson, Special Olympics Nova Scotia Provincial Summer Games, shot put and standing long jump.

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