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### James Allan named 2017 Scotsman of the Year

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James Allan receives the prize as 2017 Scotsman of the Year from Brian MacKenzie, president of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal and member of the Quebec Thistle Council.

James Allan of Kinnear's Mills was named the 2017 Scotsman of the Year by the Quebec Thistle Committee of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal during the Auld Alliance Awards Ceremony held at the Officer's Mess of the Black Watch Armoury in Montreal on April 29.

Allan can trace his roots to Bannockburn, Scotland, where his ancestors farmed before immigrating to Canada, seven generations ago.

He is well known as a member of the Kinnear's Mills municipal council and president of Heritage Kinnear's Mills. A carpenter by trade, James has helped restore the four iconic churches clustered in the center of town – Presbyterian (now United), Methodist, Roman Catholic and Anglican.

James is a musician and over the years has played the piano and bass fiddle with many Celtic bands. He also calls square dancing, organizes the Kinnear's Mills Celtic festival (now in its ninth year) as well as the annual Robbie Burns evening.

The Quebec Thistle Committee is dedicated to bringing together the Scottish community of Quebec. It was founded to organize the World Scottish Festival in 1992 and is now under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal.



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