



Association of Local
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2020 & 2021 Distinguished Service Awards

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2020 Award Recipients



Michael Perley

Following a decade of successful advocacy in support of bilateral policies to control acid rain-causing emissions in both the US and Canada, Michael Perley joined the Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco in 1992. Working with health NGOs, Medical Officers of Health and health unit staff, he then helped lead successful advocacy campaigns in dozens of Ontario municipalities during the 1990s to pass smoke-free workplace and public place by-laws. These bylaws formed the foundation of subsequent provincial smoke-free workplace and public place legislation, the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which became law in 2006. Through OCAT, Michael also worked to support provincial legislation that reduced contraband tobacco, eliminated flavours from many tobacco products, authorized healthcare cost recovery litigation against the tobacco industry and, most recently, implemented controls on the sale and makeup of vaping products. In recognition of his work, Michael has received multiple provincial and national awards.



Dr. A. Lynn Noseworthy

A graduate of Memorial University of Newfoundland, MD 1979, and the University of Toronto, MHSc (Community Health and Epidemiology) ., she received her specialist certification in Community Medicine from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1990. She began her medical career working as a locum within the Cottage Hospital System in rural Newfoundland and eventually joined a small general practice near St. John's. She was always interested in public health and her time in general practice reinforced this knowledge. Over her public health career, she was an AMOH for the City of North York Public Health Department, the MOH for the Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit and then MOH for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, and retired in 2020. She served on the Executive of alPha twice, on the Ontario Medical Association's (OMA) Committee on Population Health and the Executive of the OMA's Section of Public Health Physicians. She has been a strong advocate for public health and the positive impact it has on our population's health. In May 2021, she was awarded the OMA Life Membership.



Carmen McGregor

Carmen is a Municipal Councillor with Chatham-Kent. She joined the alPha Board in June 2015 as the South West region's Boards of Health Representative and became alPha Vice President in June 2016. She served as alPha President from June 2017 to June 2018 and Past President from June 2018 to June 2019 and President from June 2019 to present. Her other municipal duties include within Chatham-Kent include Commissioner and Chair to the Public Utilities Commission, Infrastructure and Innovation Committee and member of the local Public Health Board. Prior to municipal council, Carmen was a publicly elected School Board Trustee for the Lambton Kent District School Board for 11 years. She served as Chairperson for 3 years and Vice Chair for 2 years. Her responsibilities included many different committees including representing her board provincially as Director to the Ontario Public School Board Association. Along with her political career Carmen is the Office Manager of a law firm and has continued to be an active volunteer within her community.

2021 Award Recipients



Dr. Rosana Salvaterra

Dr. Rosana Salvaterra got her start in local public health as a citizen appointee to the Board of Health for the City of York in 1992. A Family Physician at the time, she worked for over 13 years as a member of a multidisciplinary Community Health Centre team, specializing in the care of immigrant, refugee and HIV-infected populations. She became Chair of the Board in 1995, serving as the board's lead during the introduction of smoke-free bylaws, aka "The Tobacco Wars", and then, the amalgamation of Toronto's six municipal boards and corresponding organizations. She served as a member of the new Toronto board of health until 2004, resigning to assume her new role as Stratford's Medical Officer of Health. Rosana has worked in a variety of roles internationally, and in First Nations communities in Canada. As the MOH in Peterborough since 2008, she has advocated for a provincial opioid response, poverty reduction, health equity and has built stronger relationships with First Nations. A co-author of the SOGC's first consensus statement on Intimate Partner Violence, she contributed to policy on many women's health issues including the evolution of a provincial Maternal Child health strategy.



Paul Sharma

Paul Sharma is currently the co-lead for the Region of Peel's Mass Vaccination Program. He has also been the acting Incident Commander for the Region of Peel-Public Health's Emergency Operation Centre and the Policy Lead for the Business Continuity Planning Team over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. His usual role is the Director of the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Division for the Region of Peel-Public Health. Before joining the Region of Peel in 2012, Paul held management roles in the Oral Health programs at the Middlesex-London and Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Units. Paul has completed his Master of Science degree in Dental Public Health from King's College, University of London, in England. He is also appointed as an Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto and has been involved in dental hygiene education in a teaching and management capacity. Paul currently sits as president on the Executive Committee of the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry (OAPHD), as well as on the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) Board of Directors representing OAPHD.



Denis Doyle

Denis Doyle has dedicated many years to the best interests of public health locally and provincially in his municipal role as Mayor of Frontenac Islands and in his representation of County of Frontenac on the KFL&A Board of Health. Throughout his time as a member and Chair of the KFL&A Board of Health he has been an outstanding public health leader. He has advocated for public health on many key provincial initiatives including contributing to public health's response to the Recommendations from the Expert Panel. Both as Mayor and Board of Health Chair Denis has been a key figure in meetings with Ontario's Minister of Health, Members of Provincial Parliament, the Special Advisor to Ontario's Public Health Modernization and other public health policy and decision makers, always advocating for local public health and substantially supporting the objectives of alPHA. Ontario's public health system is in an environment of change and Denis Doyle continues to lead with an informed and influential voice for public health.



Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award reflects the commitment of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies to recognize the significant contributions made to public health in Ontario by board of health members, health unit staff, and public health professionals.

Eligibility of the award is open to any of alPHa's members, including medical officers of health, board of health members, members of Affiliate organizations and, occasionally, individuals outside the Association.

The Award is given to those individuals who have demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership in their own milieu, achieved tangible results through long service or distinctive acts, and shown exemplary devotion to public health at local and provincial levels.

Previous Distinguished Service Award Recipients can be found [here](#).

Congratulations to our 2020 and 2021 Distinguished Service Award recipients!

*Awards Ceremony emceed on June 8, 2021, by Dean Steini Brown,
Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto*