

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION NEWS RELEASE

JASON KELLY RECEIVES QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL

OTTAWA, AUGUST 23, 2012 — Jason Kelly, flamboyant Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation (RVCF) and well-known Ottawa businessman, was recently honoured for his service to Canada and the community with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Mr Kelly, former General Manager of a major hotel/conference centre in the city, has personally put in hundreds of hours as well as provided enormous charitable support to many environmental, community and tourist-related projects in Ottawa. His involvement in some landmark projects include the Ottawa Chinatown Gateway on Somerset Street West, the Can-Go-Afar Foundation providing humanitarian relief in Ethiopia, development of the Rideau Heritage Tourist Route between Ottawa and Kingston and especially his visionary leadership of the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation based in Manotick.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal was created to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne. It also serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

Mr Kelly received the medal from Deputy Mayor Steve Desroches, Mayor Jim Watson and Senator Vern White in a special ceremony at Ottawa City Hall.

"We are very proud to congratulate our colleague Jason Kelly on receiving this prestigious national award. Jason brings fairness, respect and community values to the Foundation just as he does to his business and all his other community activities" said Dell Hallett, General Manager of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. "The entire watershed environmental community is very pleased".

Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation is a registered environmental charity working to protect the Rideau River and its tributaries right here at home in Eastern Ontario.

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Photo: (L to R): Senator Vern White, Jason Kelly, Ottawa Deputy Mayor Steve Desroches, Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson

