

# Baddeck Lions hold annual Charter Night



King Lion Shane MacFarlane (r) presents Lion Bobby Buchanan with his "Lifetime Membership" Certificate from Lions International.

## Baddeck

The Baddeck Lions Club held their annual Charter Night on July 9th, celebrating 60 years of service, having received its Charter on June 11, 1951.

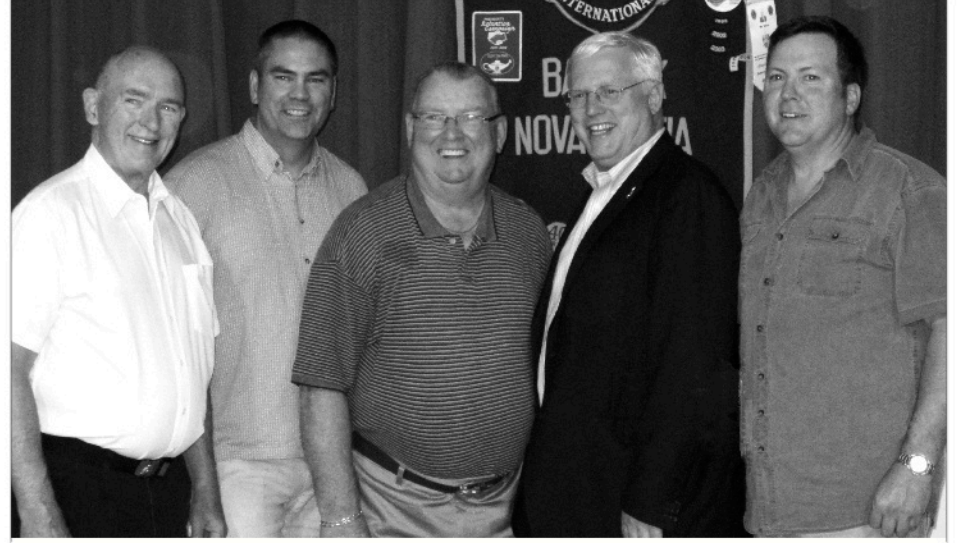
The Baddeck Lions Club runs a number of community projects every year including a free ferry service to Kidston Island and providing life-guards on Kidston Island Beach, an annual Senior's Appreciation Dinner and an annual Christmas party at the Alderwood Rest Home.

Out-going King Lion Shane MacFarlane was Master of Ceremonies and the evening began with the

singing of "O Canada" and the Lions Grace. The traditional menu of steak and lobster was then served and enjoyed by all.

There was an Awards Ceremony, as well, honoring the many Lions who work on the various projects and committees sponsored by the Lions Club throughout the year. This year the award for Lion of the Year went to Lion Bill Marchant.

The Club was very fortunate this year to have a special guest join them for their Charter Night. Commissioner William Elliott of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police attended the supper



Pictured above, along with the MC for the evening is the RCMP contingent attending (l-r): Lions Club former President (retired RCMP Staff Sergeant) Bill Smith; President (RCMP Constable) Brad Anderson; Past President Shane MacFarlane; Honorary Guest RCMP Commissioner, William Elliott; and former president (RCMP Corporal) Scott Williamson. Missing from the photo is retired RCMP Officer, David Baker.

and congratulated the club and its members on sixty years of service to Baddeck and the surrounding community. This was appreciated by all those in attendance, but especially memorable for the several active and retired RCMP officers presently in the club, one of whom is this year's President, King Lion Brad Anderson. Thanks go to Lion Dan Chiasson, an old friend of Commissioner Elliott's, for arranging his attendance at the function.

One of the highest honors a club can bestow upon an active member is to present them with a "Lifetime

Membership" from Lions International. For the first time ever, the Baddeck Lions Club presented this award to Lion Bobby Buchanan for his 45 years of exceptional service to the club. Lion Bobby has served in various executive positions within the club and continues to be active on several of the club's committees.

The evening ended with a few words from in-coming President, King Lion Brad and once again, the traditional hiding of the gavel (or the new President's briefcase) was carried out to perfection by several members who shall remain unnamed.

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