

## **2026 Inverness County Awards for Excellence in Healthcare**

### **How it works:**

- Nominations open in November: Each November, we invite the community to nominate outstanding individuals in a range of healthcare categories, which are announced each year.
- Submit nominations: Nominations can be submitted through the municipal website until February 28, 2026. Additional hard copies of the nomination forms will be available at the Municipal Administration Building (375 Main St., Port Hood), as well as Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, and at all East Coast Regional Libraries in the Municipality of Inverness County throughout the nomination period.
- Selection Process: An awards committee, made up of municipal staff and a mix of acting and retired local healthcare professionals carefully review all submissions.
- Award Gala: Winners will be announced and celebrated at a special gala held each spring.

To submit a nomination or for more information contact Ocean Phi Long Le, Healthcare Navigator:  
ocean.le@invernesscounty.ca | 1-902-323-0057, Municipality of Inverness County, 375 Main Street,  
Port Hood, B0E 2W0

### **Guidelines:**

- Any organization or individual may submit a nomination.
- The nominee must be a current or former healthcare professional within the Municipality of Inverness County.
- The healthcare professional must work within the Municipality of Inverness County.
- Nominations must be accompanied by a clearly written or typed description (250-500 words) of the nominee's activities that have gone above and beyond for our community.
- One outstanding nominee in each category will be chosen as the overall winner(s) and winners will be announced at a special Awards Gala in the spring.
- Eligibility of all nominations is at the sole discretion of the awards committee, which consists of municipal staff along with acting and retired local healthcare professionals.

## 2026 Inverness County Awards for Excellence in Healthcare Nomination Form

Please complete the following information:	
Your name	
Your email address	
Nominee(s) name	
Nominee(s) email address	
Nominee(s) telephone number	
Nominee's healthcare profession	
Nominee's employer	

For which award are you making a nomination? **Choose one.**

- ☐ **Outstanding Doctor**  
This award recognizes a doctor working in any healthcare field who demonstrates exceptional dedication, diagnostic skill, and compassionate care while significantly impacting patient health and well-being.
- ☐ **Outstanding Nurse or Nurse Practitioner**  
This award honours a Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), or Nurse Practitioner (NP) for excellence in clinical practice, patient advocacy, education, and commitment to quality care.
- ☐ **Outstanding Long-Term or Palliative Care Professional**  
This award celebrates a professional working in continuing care and palliative/hospice settings who provides extraordinary comfort, dignity, and support to patients and their families during critical life stages.
- ☐ **Outstanding Mental Health Care Professional**  
This award acknowledges a psychologist, social worker, counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist who provides vital services, promotes mental wellness, and advocates for accessible and high-quality behavioral health resources.
- ☐ **Outstanding Allied Health Professional**  
This award recognizes an essential health professional such as a Paramedic, Physiotherapist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Respiratory Therapist, or Medical Laboratory Technologist, who's specialized in clinical, diagnostic, or therapeutic expertise is crucial to patient care, treatment, and recovery.

- ☐ **Outstanding Young Healthcare Professional (30 years and under)**  
This award recognizes an emerging leader, aged 30 or younger, who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, innovation, and potential in their healthcare field, serving as an inspiration to peers.
- ☐ **Outstanding Support Services Professional - New**  
This award recognizes the essential behind-the-scenes staff. This includes individuals working in environmental services (housekeeping/janitorial), dietary/kitchen staff, maintenance, laundry, and security roles across all healthcare settings (hospitals, clinics, and long-term care).
- ☐ **Outstanding Direct Patient Care Professional - New**  
This award celebrates the Continuing Care Assistants (CCAs), Home Care Workers, and Personal Support Workers who form the essential backbone of long-term care, community health, and home-based support. This award honors the compassionate, dedicated, day-to-day nature of their essential work.
- ☐ **Excellence in Community Health and Wellness (Group or Volunteer) – New**  
This award recognizes a non-profit organization, volunteer group, or community-based program that has significantly improved the health and wellness for the residents of Inverness County.

**Why are you nominating this person/team for an Excellence in Healthcare Award?**

In 250-500 words, please outline the contributions your nominee has made to the healthcare community in Inverness County, and why you feel they deserve special recognition. The awards committee will use this information to determine the award winners.