

Smithers Community Radio Society, CICK 93.9 FM, would like to nominate Glen Ingram, our board president and station manager, for the NCRA Volunteer of the Year award. Glen is a true “believer” in community radio. He has put in insane numbers of unpaid hours to develop the station, expand its reach, and help its volunteers. Glen provides organization, technical know-how, and endless infectious enthusiasm. He coordinates outreach programs, trains new DJs, suggests new program ideas that reflect local interest, works with youth, and generally selflessly spends most of his time on the station. Here’s one example (of many) of Glen’s dedication to our station: When a sudden snowmelt flooded the studio, he dropped everything and went in on a Sunday to tear up the mouldy, sopping carpet on his own. Glen is a source of inspiration to everyone who volunteers with the station.

From Board Director, Perry Rath: “Glen provided the first energy and organization for our community radio station to get started, soliciting the support of key community members and pressing on through all the technical and practical aspects of it. He is still the go-to man for almost anything that comes up. He has tirelessly put in an incredible amount of hours, and is still there so often, guiding new DJs, supporting summer youth interns, and running his own show, too. He tries to come up with new initiatives and has successfully built a base of strong members to keep the station vital.”

From member and Glen’s wife, Miriam Colvin: “Glen has been determined to create a radio station that fills a need and is inclusive to all people who are interested in getting involved. The radio can be seen as a place for the young and the technology and gadgets can be intimidating. He recognizes this and has sat in the studio with a local DJ who is a senior citizen every week for the past eight months. The radio station has become a place for community events, interviews, visiting artists on tour, and so on—most of which is thanks to Glen. He also fields crazy phone calls from DJs in the studio not knowing what went wrong or what to do next. He’s always running out at crazy times to help!”

From volunteer, Mark Edwards: “Glen Ingram is a community-oriented superstar. His passionate drive to bring community-based radio programming to our northern BC community has been infectious. He has attended community radio conferences across North America to bring best practice into CICK's culture. He has been instrumental in broadcasting local events and overseeing public fundraising events. Glen has supported live, local original music and promoted DJ culture. This continues to have positive effects for the arts and supports the entire community in the Bulkley Valley. May his superstar status be officially recognized!”

CICK 93.9 FM board members and volunteers are unanimous in our agreement that Glen more than deserves this award in recognition of his efforts, enthusiasm, and dedication to the goal of making Smithers Community Radio the best damn station in northern BC. He works hard, is always there for all of us, and really is an inspiration to everyone involved in community radio.

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