

BEST AGRICULTURAL STORY



JESSICA DEER

The Eastern Door

This story, about land rights and food security at the local level, crosses many boundaries. It is a window into progressive First Nations policies; its journalism is clear and concise about the underlying forces at work; it points clearly to a community initiative that is admirable. It is about ideals and processes, bureaucracy and power and, of course, that most essential of human requirements: food.

BEN BULMER

The Low Down to Hull & Back News

There may be nothing especially new about small, independent farmers working to supply specialized markets, but this story captures the joy of commitment to the enterprise that is too often difficult to encompass. It is a testament to a kind of mature and thoughtful storytelling that too often gets lost in current appetites for data and official comments. Very human. And a great picture to boot!

ANDREW McCLELLAND

Quebec Farmers' Advocate

A fine example of service to the community. The conditions of the TPP with respect to Canadian agriculture are still a bit of a muddle. Yet there is little doubt that the agreement will shift the ground for supply management. The story puts things in perspective. It is a fine piece of explanatory journalism. In many (perhaps most) respects it is clearer than similar attempts by the big "national" media.



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Judge: James McLean, Associate Professor/Department of Journalism, Concordia University, Montreal, QC • Number of entries in the Best Agricultural Story category: 19

BEST COMMUNITY HEALTH STORY

This was a difficult category to judge with many excellent articles ranging from medical reports to news stories about how cuts and reforms to health and social services have impacted Quebec's English-speaking communities. Lots of good reads and some tough decisions.



BEN BULMER

The Low Down to Hull & Back News

Entries in this category included good stories that set out to educate readers about a variety of ailments - but this was the best. The story is related with riveting details voiced by a once bewildered mother whose son exhibited inexplicable, erratic symptoms and how his mystery disease was uncovered through a chance viewing of a television report. Great lead that draws you into an excellent and informative story.

SARAH ROGERS

Nunatsiq News

This is a well written, well reported success story about how the tiny community of Salluit was faced with a rash of suicides and how the community reached out for help from a successful Nunavik suicide prevention program to intervene effectively and help avert more needless deaths. The story is told through many voices interspersed with good background information.

DAN RUBINSTEIN

Nunatsiq News

A fascinating, well-told story about Canada's first aboriginal surgeon Stanley Vollant, who is undertaking a grueling 500-km trek across his ancestral Innu territory to inspire youths to adopt healthier lifestyles. The story relates details of his six-year, 6,000-km journey that took him and other walkers across traditional trails that linked the northern Innu and Inuit to Southern First Nations.

Judge: Rita Legault, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Quebec Community Groups Network, Montreal, QC • Number of entries in the Best Community Health Story category: 23