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PEI Council of People with Disabilities receives Human Rights Award

CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI -- The Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission is pleased to announce that the PEI Council of People With Disabilities will receive the 2010 Award for the Advancement of Human Rights.

“The PEI Council of People with Disabilities makes a significant contribution towards equality in dignity and human rights every day,” said Anne Nicholson, Chair of the PEI Human Rights Commission. “We are so pleased to recognize this organization for their outstanding work on behalf of Islanders with disabilities.”

The PEI Council of People With Disabilities was created in 1975 to advocate and provide services for Islanders with disabilities. It is a not-for-profit, non-government organization providing employment counseling, public education and awareness, and information and referral to a community of close to 5,000 Islanders with disabilities. The Council has 11 permanent staff and is run by a Board of Directors representative of the community it serves. For more information about the PEI Council of persons with Disabilities, visit www.peicod.pe.ca.

The Award for the Advancement of Human Rights will be presented to the Council at a special ceremony at the Delta hotel in Charlottetown on Friday, December 10, which is International Human Rights Day. Guest Speaker for the event is the Honourable Gerard Mitchell, Police Commissioner and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Appeal Division).

The Award for the Advancement of Human Rights was created by the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission to recognize Island individuals or groups who have made an important contribution to the promotion of the values enshrined in the PEI Human Rights Act. This is the third annual award. It was established in 2008 to mark the 60th anniversary of the UN’s adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For more information about the PEI Human Rights Commission, visit www.gov.pe.ca/humanrights.