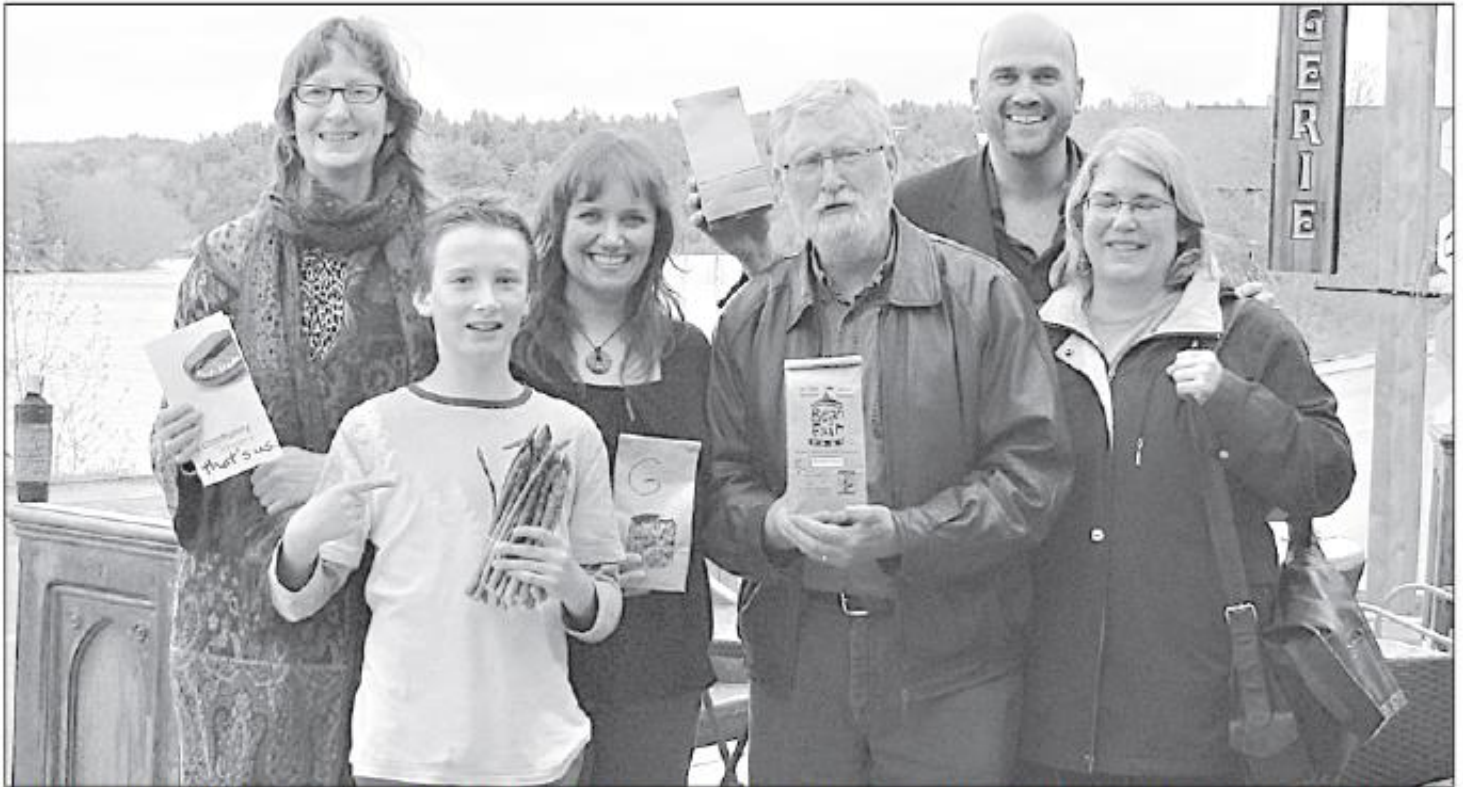


# Fair trade work lands Winship RAWQ education service award



From left: Anne Winship, Angus Winship and Alise Marlane pose with the founder of Gimli Fair Trade Town Committee Zack Gross, Michael Stephens of the Canadian Centre for International Co-operation and Jennifer Gross. Winship won the award for Community Service in Education.

Photo courtesy Alise Marlane

## By Mark Burgess

The Regional Association of West Quebecers has recognized Rupert resident Anne Winship for her role in creating Quebec's first fair trade municipality.

Winship will receive the Community Service in Education award at the RAWQ banquet, to be held Oct. 22 in Aylmer. She led the campaign to see the Municipality of La Peche recognized as Quebec's first Fair Trade Town in November 2007, and has worked to preserve the designation and continue to

educate the population on what it means. A Fair Trade Town encourages access to Fair Trade Certified products and raises public awareness about sustainable consumption. Winship has helped organize Wakefield's Fair Trade Fair in the spring as well as anniversaries in November to mark the fair trade recognition.

"I'm really happy to get this award, because it's another chance to help educate about fair trade," Winship said. The RAWQ awards honour outstanding volunteer contributions

within the English-speaking community in the Outaouais. RAWQ is a not-for-profit organization that develops policy, conducts research and advocates on behalf of West Quebec's English-speaking population. Tickets to the event, with CTV Ottawa personality Vanessa Lee as host, cost \$45 and include a buffet dinner catered by Shep's Catering. The banquet will be held at the Aydelu Centre in Aylmer, 94 Patrimoine Rd. For more information and a list of winners, visit [www.westquebecers.ca](http://www.westquebecers.ca) or call 819-682-9602.