

# President's Award 2024

Presented to Ian Faris  
by James Dies  
President of the Victoria Camera Club  
at the 2024 AGM

I had a hard time deciding who to give this award to as there are so many people in this club who have really put a lot of effort and time for the club. I spend many hours going over the list of candidates.

There are so many of you who so richly deserve this award.

But I made up my mind and I am giving this award to Ian Faris tonight.

Let me tell you a little about Ian.

He has been with the club since 2003 and has been active in the club for over 20 years. He has stepped forward many times to help the club and that is a great thing.

I've only gotten to know Ian as a board member over the last two years and I was impressed by his work ethic and his attention to detail. He did a great job on membership and the ongoing 80-anniversary committee.

He took on the leadership of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and I know the struggles he and his teammates had running into snags and setbacks.

What convinced me was the time when Ian seriously injured himself last January helping his neighbour shovel snow. He was in the hospital for a long time and was almost wheelchair bound. It was his attitude that shined through as he refused to stop working on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and soldiered on even though he was in great pain and immobile. He could have told the board he has to step back to recover, but he didn't. He even came to our board meetings even though he needed assistance from Bob to get him there and in and out of Bob's car. Ian is on the mend and getting better, thankfully.

The best thing is Ian is staying on to finish the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary to see it to its conclusion.

That is why Ian is getting this award tonight.

So, congratulations Ian for your dedication and commitment. Come on up and get your reward.

Everyone give Ian an ovation, he deserves it.