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LSTAR President wins provincial Volunteer Leader Award

The Board of Directors of the London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) congratulates **Doug Pedlar**, its 2013 President, on having won the prestigious 2012 Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) Volunteer Leader Award. This award recognizes an individual who has played an important role or addressed a major issue or challenge facing his or her association over the past year.

“In our estimation, Doug’s ongoing efforts over the past year to educate Organized Real Estate, real estate associations and the public on the potential negative impacts of wind turbines on human and animal health and on property values made him an absolute stand-out for the OREA Volunteer of the Year Award,” says Barb Whitney, 2012 LSTAR President. “Not only did he thoroughly research the issue himself and put together his own presentation on the subject, he took that presentation across the province in 2012, speaking to a total of twenty different groups.” A podcast of Doug’s presentation, which has received to date over 2,500 viewings on YouTube, may be found at <http://youtu.be/yAneQD8mxPM>.

“Motivated by a really genuine concern for the people of Ontario and their *Quality of Life*, Doug devoted enormous amounts of personal time and energy to this cause,” says Betty Doré, LSTAR’s Executive Vice President. “Opposition to the way in which the Green Energy Act was rolled out was not an easy sell in all circles, especially at first. However, he persevered and the questions he was among the first to raise are now the subject of much public debate. “

“Needless to say, we are all very proud of Doug,” adds Whitney.

The award was presented to Mr. Pedlar at the OREA Leadership Conference in Toronto on March 6, 2013.

The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) is one of Canada’s fifteen largest real estate associations, representing over 1,500 REALTORS® working in Middlesex and Elgin Counties, a trading area of 500,000 residents.

LSTAR adheres to a Quality of Life philosophy, supporting growth that fosters economic vitality, provides housing opportunities, respects the environment and builds good communities and safe neighbourhoods and is a proud participant in the REALTORS Care Foundation’s Every REALTOR™ Campaign.

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for its members.