

# RTDNA Names CTV NATIONAL NEWS WITH LISA LAFLAMME Best Network Television Newscast for Sixth Consecutive Year ### CTV News and Bell Media Radio Take Home Top Honours from RTDNA National Conference Gala

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- W5 named Best Television News Information Program –
- CTV Toronto’s CTV NEWS AT SIX wins Bert Cannings Award for Best Large Market Newscast –
- CTV Kitchener wins second consecutive award for Best Medium Market Newscast –

**TORONTO (May 27, 2017)** – CTV News and Bell Media Radio properties were honoured for excellence in electronic journalism during the annual **RTDNA** (<http://www.rtdnacanada.com/>) of Canada National Conference Gala in Toronto this evening.

Before an audience of fellow electronic journalists and news managers, the RTDNA honoured **CTV NATIONAL NEWS WITH LISA LAFLAMME** with the distinguished Bert Cannings Award for Best Network Television Newscast for the sixth consecutive year. **CTV Toronto** took home the Bert Cannings Award for Best Large Market Television Newscast for **CTV NEWS AT SIX**, and **CTV Kitchener** was named Best Medium Market Newscast for the second year in a row. **W5** took home multiple national awards, including the Trina McQueen Award for Best Television News Information Program.

“CTV News is privileged to deliver to Canadians news they can trust,” said Wendy Freeman, President, CTV News. “Our national and local teams strive every day to deliver the highest quality coverage of the issues and events that matter, while upholding the best journalistic practices. We’re honoured to be recognized by the RTDNA this evening, and to stand among Canada’s great journalists who share our passion for excellence in storytelling.”

In total, Bell Media properties took home 13 awards this evening, bringing the 2017 tally of national and regional RTDNA awards to 47, including two prestigious regional Lifetime Achievement Awards for CTV Montreal’s **Mutsumi Takahashi** (<http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/mutsumi-takahashi-to-receive-rtdna-lifetime-achievement-award-1.3373062>) and CTV Calgary’s **David Spence** (<http://www.rtdnacanada.com/gord-gillies-and-david-spence-announced-as-prairies-recipients-of-the-rtdna-canada-lifetime-achievement-award/>).

On the radio front, Bell Media’s radio stations NEWSTALK 1010 (Toronto) received National Award

honours, garnering the Peter Gzowski Award for Best Radio News Information Program adding to its regional wins. In sports, TSN took home a national award for Feature Sports Reporting.

The following is a complete summary of the CTV News and Bell Media Radio RTDNA Canada awards for 2017, including awards given out this evening:

**National and Network Awards (Awarded May 27, 2017, Toronto)**

National Television

Bert Cannings Award – Best Television Newscast (Medium Market)  
CTV Kitchener: Bosma Verdict

Feature Sports Reporting Award (Small/Medium Market)  
CTV Kitchener: On the Roster: Blind Curlers

Dave Rogers Award – Best Short Feature (Large Market)  
CTV Ottawa: Making an Impression: 13-Year-Old Evan Sharma is Being Called “The Next Picasso”

Charlie Edwards Award – Spot News  
CTV Ottawa: Sinkhole Swallows Rideau Street

Bert Cannings Award – Best Television Newscast (Large Market)  
CTV Toronto: **CTV NEWS AT SIX**

Hugh Haugland Award – Creative Use of Video  
CTV Vancouver: Secret Bowling Alley

Feature Sports Reporting Award (Large Market)  
CTV Winnipeg: Picture Perfect

Network Television

Bert Cannings Award – Best Television Newscast  
**CTV NATIONAL NEWS WITH LISA LAFLAMME**

Adrienne Clarkson Diversity Award  
**W5: After Ebola**

Trina McQueen Award – Best Television News Information Program  
**W5: Episode 50-15: Lifetime Penalty/The Ringmaster**

Dave Rogers Award – Best Long Feature  
**W5: In Their Footsteps**

Feature Sports Reporting Award  
TSN: Dear Momma

Network Radio

Peter Gzowski Award – Best Radio News Information Program

NEWSTALK1010: Suffering in Silence

**Regional Awards: Central Region (Awarded April 22, Toronto)**

Data Storytelling Award

CTV Ottawa: Fort McMurray Fire Spread Comparison Graphic

Dave Rogers Award – Short Feature (Large Market)

NEWSTALK1010: City Hall Lunacy: James Moore

Sam Ross Award – Editorial / Commentary

NEWSTALK1010: Pulse Nightclub Aftermath: Jim Richards

Bert Cannings Award – Best Newscast (Medium Market)

CTV Kitchener: Bosma Verdict

Bert Cannings Award – Best Newscast (Large Market)

CTV Toronto: **CTV NEWS AT SIX**

Charlie Edwards Award – Spot News

CTV Ottawa: Sinkhole Swallows Rideau Street

Dave Rogers Award – Short Feature (Small/Medium Market)

CTV Kitchener: Calendar Girls

Dave Rogers Award – Short Feature (Large Market)

CTV Ottawa: Making An Impression: 13-Year-Old Evan Sharma is Being Called “The Next Picasso”

Dave Rogers Award – Long Feature (Small/Medium Market)

CTV Windsor: Windsor Essex EMS Ride Along

Gord Sinclair Award – Live Special Events

CP24: Olympic Parade

Hugh Haugland Award – Creative Use of Video

CTV Toronto: In an Officer’s Shoes

Sports Feature Reporting Award (Small/Medium Market)

CTV Kitchener: On the Roster: Blind Curlers

Sports Feature Reporting Award (Large Market)

CTV Ottawa: Joe Sandulo in the Battle of his Life

Lifetime Achievement Award

**Mutsumi Takahashi, CTV Montreal**

**Regional Awards: Prairie Region (Awarded April 29, Calgary)**

Sam Ross Award – Editorial / Commentary

CTV Calgary: Postscript

Dave Rogers Award – Short Feature (Large Market)

CTV Calgary: Transplant Reunion

Dave Rogers Award – Long Feature (Large Market)

CTV Edmonton: Mustang Ride

Hugh Haugland Award – Creative Use of Video

CTV Edmonton: HIV

Sports Feature Reporting Award (Large Market)

CTV Winnipeg: Picture Perfect

Lifetime Achievement Award

**David Spence, CTV Calgary**

**Regional Awards: BC Region (Awarded April 22, Vancouver)**

Charlie Edwards Award – Spot News

CTV Vancouver Island: On-Duty Mountie Killed in Langford Crash

Byron MacGregor Award – Best Newscast (Medium Market)

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Bert Cannings Award – Best Newscast (Medium Market)

CTV Vancouver Island: **CTV NEWS AT SIX**

Charlie Edwards Award – Spot News

CTV Vancouver: Snowstorm

Dave Rogers Award – Short Feature (Small/Medium Market)

CTV Vancouver Island: Bus Boy

Gord Sinclair Award – Live Special Events

CTV Vancouver: The Royal Visit

Hugh Haugland Award – Creative Use of Video

CTV Vancouver: Secret Bowling Alley

Ron Laidlaw Award – Continuing Coverage

CTV Vancouver: Fentanyl Epidemic

Sports Feature Reporting Award (Large Market)

CTV Vancouver: Life On The Line: The Nolan Bellerose Story

**Regional Awards: Atlantic Region (Awarded April 8, Halifax)**

Adrienne Clarkson Award – Diversity

CTV Atlantic: Being Muslim: New Home, New Challenges

Ron Laidlaw Award – Continuing Coverage

CTV Atlantic: Red Tape: Family Fights for Lost Boy

Sam Ross Award – Editorial / Commentary

CTV Atlantic: Freedom's Not Just Another Word: Reflections on the Sacrifice of Those Who Served

Sports Feature Reporting Award (Small/Medium Market)

CTV Atlantic: Maritime Referees: A Closer Look at the Men in Stripes

Trina McQueen Award – Television News Information Program

CTV Atlantic: We Remember: Of Service and Sacrifice

## About Bell Media Radio

Bell Media Radio is Canada's top-ranked radio broadcaster, with 105 licensed radio stations in 54 markets across Canada operating as part of the iHeartRadio Canada (<http://www.iheartradio.ca/home>) network, including Virgin Radio, Canada's #1 ranked contemporary hit radio network, along with top brands TSN, ÉNERGIE, CHUM FM, Rouge fm, and QMFM. Recognizing the diversity of each market it serves, Bell Media Radio has a strong reputation for providing exemplary service to these communities and is a leader in innovative programming. In addition to music, news, weather, and sports, listeners also tune in for information on local politics, events, entertainment, and other community issues. Across Canada, Bell Media Radio is the largest radio provider and is ranked first in people reached and hours tuned.

## About CTV News

CTV News is Canada's most-watched news organization both locally and nationally, and has a network of national, international, and local news operations. CTV News operations include CTV NEWS CHANNEL, BNN – Business News Network, CP24, and information programming, including CTV NATIONAL NEWS WITH LISA LAFLAMME, CTV NATIONAL NEWS WITH SANDIE RINALDO, W5, POWER PLAY, and QUESTION PERIOD. Flagship news sites include **CTVNews.ca** (<http://www.ctvnews.ca/>), as well as **CP24.com** (<http://CP24.com>) and **BNN.ca** (<http://BNN.ca>), and are complemented by **CTV News GO** (<http://www.ctvnews.ca/go>), **CP24 GO** (<http://CP24.com/GO>), and **BNN GO** (<http://www.bnn.ca/bnn-go-app.aspx>) apps, and text-over-video product, ON THE GO, which provide a direct connection to Canada's most trusted news anytime and anywhere. With a perspective that is distinctly Canadian, CTV News brings Canadians the international and domestic news stories of the day and is the #1 news organization in Canada.