

## Premier's Excellence in Leadership Award



This award recognizes a contribution to Government and citizens of PEI, resulting in a positive impact, while demonstrating excellence in leadership that embodies the overarching Public Service Leadership Competencies: Influence and Self Awareness, Builds Relationships, Leads Others, and Focuses on Results.

I am pleased to announce this year's winners as **John Brennan**, Director of Business Infrastructure Services, and **Mike Muise**, Corporate Information Security Officer, both with IT Shared Services.

Both John Brennan and Mike Muise are forward thinkers and lead by example every day, as they empower their teams to provide exceptional service daily and in times of immediate need.

Through role modelling, clear communication, and by providing trustworthy advice, both John and Mike create a stronger IT Shared Services team. They both provide excellent leadership of their respective teams to ensure relevant and timely service from IT Shared Services. They lead this work on an everyday basis, in times of immediate need and during crisis management events.

On February 23, 2020, the Government of Prince Edward Island networks were attacked by an external entity. Lead by both individuals, the Business Infrastructure Services team's swift action and IT Shared Services' response as a whole, Government was able to contain the attack.

They focused on two areas: communication and technical action. Staff members within IT Shared Services BIS team reacted immediately, and within 90 minutes, were able to implement measures to prevent further movement of data and encryption of Government's IT infrastructure.

In the months that followed, and throughout the Province's COVID-19 response, these two leaders have worked diligently with their teams to provide Departments, Crowns and Agencies with access to hardware and connectivity, enabling the public service to continue to work remotely, safely and securely.

Congratulations, John and Mike!