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By SERGE ALLAIRE,
For The Standard

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said Rotary president Bea Jensen. "The efforts must be beneficial to all concerned, build goodwill and better relationships, be offered fairly and with genuine selfless desire to serve. We felt the owners of the 17 Restaurant and the 17 Convenience Store displayed these important ideals."

The 17 Restaurant and Convenience Store is not only a local landmark with its positioning at the corner of Woodward and Causley streets, it's also a hub of local activity.

The two support many local projects, often partnering with other businesses such as Cameco and Bruno's Auto Repairs.

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