



Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Showcase Innovative Municipalities

Four innovative projects by 30 local governments are being recognized in the 13th Annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards. The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards celebrate the excellent and innovative practices of Saskatchewan's municipal governments. This year's winners have innovated their communities with projects that promote cooperation and synergy.

The winners of the 13th Annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards are:

First Place: Sacichawasihc Relationship Agreement (*City of North Battleford, Town of Battleford, Moosomin, Sweetgrass, Saulteaux, and Little Pine First Nations, and Lucky Man Cree Nation*)

Winning Practice: Developed an agreement that gives municipal and Indigenous governments a way to work together in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration through the building of government-to-government relationships.

Second Place: Emergency Medical Service Support (*Town of Radville, and RM's of Laurier, The Gap, Lake Alma, Souris Valley, Surprise Valley, and Lomond*)

Winning Practice: Established an EMS building, including staff lodging, to attract and retain EMS employees to improve regional EMS services.

Third Place: 'Beware the Grease Beast' Drain Pollution Prevention Program (*City of Lloydminster*)

Winning Practice: Created a marketing campaign raising resident awareness of the hazards, costs, and complications resulting from drain pollution.

Regional Cooperation: Regional Asset Management and Group Learning (*Villages of Broderick, Conquest, Elbow, Glenside, Kenaston, Loreburn, Strongfield and Beechy, Resort Village of Mistusinne, Towns of Central Butte, Dundurn, Hanley, and Craik, and RMs of Loreburn and Fertile Valley*)

Winning Practice: Developed a regional cooperation framework to provide each municipal council with a plan to forecast asset replacement investments, to better understand revenue sources and suitability, and to communicate more effectively with community members around the state of municipal assets.

The winning projects were selected by the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Committee who reviewed 17 nominations, submitted on behalf of 51 municipalities.

Each year, the awards committee is made up of partners from the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), Saskatchewan Urban Municipality Association (SUMA), New North, the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan (RMAA), the Urban Municipal Administrator Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS), and the Ministry of Government Relations (GR).



The 2019 committee members are:

- Jim Scarrow (former Mayor of Prince Albert and former Vice-President of Cities for SUMA);
- Don Taylor (former Board member of SARM);
- Audrey Trombley (former President of RMAA);
- Loretta Young (former Administrator for the RM of Longlaketon, No. 219 and the Village of Earl Grey)
- Jeff Mulligan (managing Partner of ASTEC Group, and former Mayor of Lloydminster); and
- Keith Schneider (former Executive Director of SUMA).

This year, the overwhelming sentiment of the selection committee was that submissions were of extremely high quality and the range of scoring across all submissions was narrow. There was also a noteworthy increase in collaborative initiatives submitted for consideration for the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards.

Awards will be distributed to the winning urban municipalities and First Nations at the 115th Annual SUMA Convention on February 4 at 1 p.m. at Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina. The winning rural municipalities received their awards at the SARM Midterm Convention in November.

For more information, visit www.municipalawards.ca or contact:

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First Place – Sacichawasihc Relationship Agreement

Randy Patrick – City Manager, City of North Battleford

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Second Place – Emergency Medical Service Support

Ursula Scott – Administrator, RM of Laurier

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Third Place – ‘Beware the Grease Beast’ Drain Pollution Prevention Program

Leo Pare – Director of Communications, City of Lloydminster

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Regional Co-operation – Regional Asset Management and Group Learning

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