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Five Municipalities Win Saskatchewan Municipal Awards

The 12th annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards program is happy to announce this year's winners. These awards recognize innovation and excellence in local Saskatchewan governments.

An independent, six-member committee reviewed 18 nominations, submitted on behalf of 35 municipalities, to choose the four winning projects. The committee members were:

- Keith Schneider: former executive director of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA);
- Jim Scarrow: former mayor of Prince Albert and former vice-president of cities for SUMA;
- Audrey Trombley: former president of the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan;
- Loretta Young: former administrator for the RM of Longlaketon No. 219 and the Village of Earl Grey;
- Don Taylor: former board member of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities; and
- Jeff Mulligan: managing partner of AHHA Moments Inc. and former mayor of Lloydminster.

Committee member Jeff Mulligan made note of the quality of the nominations received this year: *"Each year has key ingredients that stand out as noteworthy when reviewing the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards submissions. 2018, simply stated, hit it out of the park! Rating these winners one, two, three, does not do them justice."*

Committee member Keith Schneider says the quality of submissions reflects the great work being done in our province: *"The quality and diversity of submissions received by the selection committee clearly reflect community-based initiatives to improve the delivery of municipal services and enhance the economic well-being of their residents."*

The awards will be distributed to the winning rural municipalities at the SARM Midterm Convention on November 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at TCU Place in Saskatoon. The winning urban municipalities will receive their awards at the annual SUMA Convention in February 2019 in Saskatoon.

First Place: Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex (Town of Moosomin)

Winning Practice: Established an advanced sports facility to offer dedicated space for community gatherings and diversified recreational opportunities for all ages.

Second Place: Wellness Centre (City of Melfort)

Winning Practice: In partnership with regional members, developed a comprehensive health care facility to centralize health services for patients and medical professionals.



Third Place: *Île-à-la-Crosse Fish Processing and Packaging Facility (Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse)*

Winning Practice: Established a certified fish processing and packaging facility to provide employment and training opportunities and promote economic growth.

Regional Cooperation: *Tourism and Rebranding Campaign (RM of White Valley and Town of Eastend)*

Winning Practice: Developed a new community brand to attract visitors and generate revenue streams to support local businesses.

Honorable Mention: *Waste Water Treatment Project (Town of Unity)*

Winning Practice: Introduced an innovative and cost-effective system that expands capacity and treats waste water to a standard exceeding regulatory requirements.

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First Place – Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex

Mike Schwean – Director, Parks and Recreation Department

306-435-3622

Second Place – Wellness Centre

Heather Audette – City Clerk, City of Melfort

306-752-5911

Third Place – Île-à-la-Crosse Fish Processing and Packaging Facility

Gerald Roy – Councillor and Deputy Mayor

639-832-7337

Regional Co-operation – Tourism and Rebranding Campaign

Rosa Vazquez-Ring – Tourism and Economic Development Officer

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Honorable Mention – Waste Water Treatment Project

Carey Baker – Director of Economic Development

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