

## **Community Recreation Achievements Celebrated in North Battleford**

October 18, 2019 – Recreation professionals and volunteers will receive awards from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) at the Don Ross Centre in North Battleford, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday October 18, 2019. These awards are delivered in recognition of their significant contributions to community parks and recreation.

### **2019 SPRA Award Winners**

- President's Award of Distinction – Anne Weisgerber, Swift Current
- Cecil Nobes Facility Award of Excellence – Spruce Haven Recreation Park, Melfort
- Facility Operations Award – Kevin Roberts, La Ronge
- Parks and Open Space Award – Carrot River Community Square, Carrot River
- Community Achievement Award – Burstall Community Hall Commission Group, Burstall
- Award of Merit – Dean Robson, Swift Current
- Fitness Leadership Award – Beatrice Songer, Central Butte
- Volunteer of the Year (Awarded Posthumously) – Colleen Kearns, Foam Lake

Norm Campbell, who retired in 2018 as the Chief Executive Officer of SPRA, will receive a President's Award of Distinction from the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA).

### **2019 Communities in Bloom Award Winners**

The winners of the Saskatchewan's 2019 Communities in Bloom program will receive awards at the Gala. The winners are:

- Wolseley – for collaboration between town council and volunteers
- Preeceville – for the Nature Trail near Annie Laurie Lake
- Outlook – for the Highway 4 Way-Stop Greenspace
- Nipawin – for Green Spaces and Parks

SPRA is the provincial coordinator of the Communities in Bloom program. For more information on this year's program, see the [2019 Communities in Bloom Results](#).

### **2019 SPRA Scholarship Recipients**

Three students received \$1500 scholarships from SPRA due to their academic achievement and volunteerism in recreation:

- Dallas Burnett – Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Recreation and Community Development
- Alex Watson – University of Regina, Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies
- Claire McKenzie – University of Saskatchewan, College of Kinesiology

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