



Saskatchewan
Parks and Recreation
Association

RECOgnition Program

Nominate a deserving individual, community or group in
recreation and parks for an award today!



Nomination Deadline: May 1, 2020

ABOUT THE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

SPRA is a network of recreation leaders dedicated to energizing Saskatchewan and changing lives! The RECOgnition Program includes a number of Awards that pay tribute to those individuals and communities who have made outstanding and extraordinary contributions to the parks and recreation movement in Saskatchewan.

Nominate a deserving individual or group for one of the following Awards!

Excellence in Leadership Awards

The following Awards are presented to individuals, municipalities or community groups for their valued leadership in promoting recreation, leisure and healthy active lifestyles in their communities. Recipients are volunteers, professionals, involved citizens, youth or community groups. Recipients give their time, energy and commitment, develop relationships and partnerships, and create opportunities for recreation, fitness and healthy living. As well, they engage and encourage others to use parks, open spaces and recreation facilities to achieve a healthy, active lifestyle.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Presented to a volunteer to recognize outstanding achievements in the improvement of recreation/leisure opportunities at the local level, including, but not limited to, volunteer efforts taking place in Saskatchewan in the last 12 months. The recipient must have volunteered in Saskatchewan for a minimum of five years. The nominee's achievements should promote the value and benefits of active living and support a healthier future for their community.

Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Presented to a volunteer or group of volunteers 18 years of age or younger, to recognize outstanding achievements in the improvement of recreation/leisure opportunities at the local level, including, but not limited to, volunteer efforts taking place in Saskatchewan over the last 12 months. The nominee's achievements should promote the values and benefits of active living and support a healthier future for their community.

Community Achievement Award

Presented to a municipality and/or community group(s) for substantial cooperative community effort with a large volunteer component. The initiative will be specific to Saskatchewan and should focus on the important role of volunteers in the development of a recreation program, event, project or park that has, or will enhance, the quality of life for a significant number of people in the area.

2019 Community Achievement Award Burstall Community Hall Commission Group



Fitness Leadership Award

Presented to a current SPRA Certified Fitness Leader who is a strong and successful promoter of fitness and physical activity in their community. The individual demonstrates a healthy, active lifestyle and is a role model for others in the community. The individual must have a minimum of five years experience working in Saskatchewan in the fitness industry as an active instructor and advocate for the field.



Efficiency and Innovation Awards

These Awards are presented to individuals, practitioners, volunteers, organizations or municipalities whose innovation and/or ingenuity has improved the day-to-day operations of recreational facilities. The recipient's attention to quality, accessibility and participation has resulted in facilities and operations that are inclusive, attract community members and instill community ownership and pride - thereby contributing to the quality of recreation and leisure in the lives of community members.

Facility Operations Award

This Award is given to a long-term practitioner or volunteer group working in Saskatchewan for a minimum of five years, whose leadership in the facilities sector demonstrates extraordinary or outstanding achievement in the enhancement or operation of a recreation facility/facilities in the Province of Saskatchewan. This Award recipient is either an individual or group that goes above and beyond regular job expectations, and whose ingenuity and/or good management on a daily basis has increased the efficiency of facility operations and promoted facility development at the local, provincial and/or national level. Possible areas of impact could include maintenance programs, energy efficiency, utilization of volunteers, invention of or innovations to facilities maintenance equipment, innovations or outstanding achievement in general management, staffing programs, increased service or other areas of positive impact.

Parks and Open Space Award

This Award recognizes excellence in the planning, design and development/redevelopment (renewal of an existing space) of a private or public park or open space in Saskatchewan. Parks and open space refers to land that has been reserved for the purpose of formal and informal sport and recreation, preservation of natural environments, provision of green space and/or urban storm water management. This space must have been in existence for a minimum of one year and shall have demonstrated outstanding and/or innovative aspects that have, or could have, significant impact in the recreation and parks field. Examples of eligible projects include renewal of a trail system, energy conservation (source water protection, etc.), ratio of green space to established property, open spaces (flexible for multiple use), skateboard parks, parks with interpretive features, accessible playgrounds, etc.

2019 Facility Operations Award Kevin Roberts



Cecil Nobes Facility Award of Excellence

Awarded to a Saskatchewan municipality for construction of a new facility, where the unique or outstanding design contributes to the overall efficiency or accessibility of the facility operation component (i.e. functional for public use, efficient operation or maintenance, accessibility for persons with a disability). This Award may also be awarded for a retrofit or renovation project that has significantly improved service to users, saved significant operational costs through energy consumption and/or contributed to an overall operational improvement.

Note: A recreation facility is defined as indoor or outdoor areas and spaces utilized for recreation (i.e. fishing platform, sports complex, archery range, trail, etc.).



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Outstanding Achievement Awards

The following Awards are presented to individuals, groups or member organizations for outstanding leadership contributions and accomplishments that have made a positive impact on the field of parks and recreation at the community, district, provincial or national level. These Award recipients are agents of positive change who, through the development or strengthening of strategy, policy, programs, partnerships, networks and/or relationships, have increased the value people place on recreation and leisure, open spaces, parks, and/or the longevity of the field of parks and recreation.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious Award presented by SPRA. This Award recipient's outstanding active and committed leadership has resulted in a broad contribution to the recreation movement at the **national, provincial, district and local level**. Their individual must have contributed a **minimum of 20 years of service** through participation on committees including membership on the SPRA and/or CPRA Board of Directors and/or related subcommittees, development of partnerships, leaving legacy achievements and recognition through other awards.

2019 Lifetime Achievement Award Clive Craig



President's Award of Distinction

The President's Award of Distinction is one of the most prestigious Awards presented by SPRA for contributions to the recreation sector at the **provincial, district and/or local level**. Presented to an individual for their lasting achievement that has enhanced the public image and improved the services of parks and recreation provincially, districtly and/or locally. This Award recipient has engaged new partners and stakeholders, thereby strengthening the parks and recreation network. Their efforts have resulted in the continuation of quality and improved service, increased shared advocacy and promotion of a strong belief in the benefits of parks and recreation in our Province. The recipient must have volunteered or worked in Saskatchewan for a minimum of five years.

Award of Merit

Presented to an individual, group or SPRA member organization for significant and distinguished contribution at the **local, district and/or provincial level**. The Award recipient has demonstrated creativity through the development of parkland, the promotion of active lifestyles and/or the revitalization of existing or creation of new programs and services. The recipient must have volunteered or worked in Saskatchewan for a minimum of five years. This Award winner's valued contribution will lead to healthier futures by strengthening some aspect of parks and recreation services.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Nominations can be submitted online at www.spra.sk.ca/awards-nominations, or by completing the enclosed Nomination Form.
- Nominations, with the exception of the Fitness Leadership Award, must be submitted by SPRA members.
- To nominate, you will require a 250 word Nomination Statement describing how the Nominee meets the Award Criteria and three Letters of Support.
- Nominations must be received no later than **May 1, 2020**. Note: Form style Letters of Support will not be accepted.
- Only one Nomination per category per organization will be accepted.



For additional information, visit www.spra.sk.ca/awards, or contact SPRA at (306) 780-9370.