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Sask Recreation Award Winners Announced for 2024

Nov. 19, 2024 – The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is proud to announce the winners of the 2024 Sask Recreation Awards. This year’s recipients include three individuals and one City that dedicated themselves to providing recreation opportunities, ensuring everyone in their community can access fun and fulfilling programs, be physically active, and connect with parks and nature.

The winners include:

Community Wellbeing Award – The City of Regina, Regina

Through community consultations, the City of Regina created the Inclusion Support Service, which helps people experiencing barriers find meaningful recreation and leisure opportunities.

Leadership Excellence Award – Val Choo-Foo, Swift Current

Val Choo-Foo dedicated countless hours and created programs that fostered a culture of health, wellbeing, and community engagement in Swift Current. Now retired, Choo-Foo remains a strong leader and passionate volunteer.

Leadership Excellence Award – Dwight King, Flying Dust First Nation

From two-time Stanley Cup champion to community champion, Dwight King is a role model, inspiration, and a great leader. King, Flying Dust First Nation’s Recreation Manager, created new opportunities by helping people stay active, building a strong community through recreation.

Volunteer Champion Award – Keith Wilson, Unity

Keith Wilson is a lifelong volunteer in his home of Unity. From enhancing trails and green spaces, to winning awards for Communities in Bloom, Wilson’s dedication and energy is admired by everyone.

“The Sask Recreation Awards are an opportunity to showcase the positive impact recreation has across our province,” said Darcy McLeod, SPRA President. “The accomplishments of these winners will create a legacy in their communities and inspire others to lead by example.”

Each winner was celebrated with a contribution of \$1,000.00 to support local recreation initiatives. Videos were also produced to recognize each recipient and share their stories of passion and commitment to improving the quality of life of their community through recreation. The videos are available for streaming on SPRA’s website and social media.

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About the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

Funded by Sask Lotteries, the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is a non-profit dedicated to connecting, educating, and inspiring parks and recreation providers to create parks and recreation spaces for the benefit of everyone.

For more information: <https://www.spra.sk.ca>.

About the Sask Recreation Awards

The Sask Recreation Awards pay tribute to the outstanding contributions of individuals, communities, and agencies who improved the quality of life for others through recreation in Saskatchewan.

For more information: <https://www.spra.sk.ca/programs-services/sask-rec-awards/>.