

JEFF THOMAS ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH AWARD



The future of the environment begins with our youth. Nanaimo's young people work on greening projects in their schools and communities and show great dedication and commitment to their environment. Rewarding their efforts will ensure there are future caretakers of the environment who will in turn lead by their own example.

The Jeff Thomas Environmental Youth Award highlights the efforts of young people (21 years of age and under) who show leadership in environmental projects. In honor of Jeff Thomas, a passionate advocate for our local fisheries and our youth, these awards can be nominated for a variety of initiatives such as: school ground naturalization, recycling initiatives, energy conservation through school building audits, native plant and animal protection initiatives, fundraising, and awareness building for environmental causes.

HEALTHY LIVING AWARD



The Healthy Living Award rewards an individual, group or company involved in making Nanaimo a healthier place to live. This goal can be accomplished in many ways including promoting healthy products, doing innovative research on public health initiatives, encouraging physical activities, lobbying for pesticide reduction, improving air quality through a decrease in pollution, contributing to the reduction of toxins in our streams and lakes, and improving our children's health.

GREEN HOME/NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARD



There are many "greening" projects in Nanaimo that help reflect the diversity of our residents and neighbourhoods. Home and neighbourhood projects with environmental goals are what will ensure the City is healthy and beautiful in years to come.

The Green Home/Neighbourhood Award acknowledges the work of residents and volunteers engaged in community building through environmental stewardship. Stewardship takes many forms, including establishing community gardens and creating backyard wildlife habitat, organizing and hosting local clean-up days, restoring local ecosystems and demonstrating creative, artistic solutions that celebrate the meeting points of the natural and urban worlds.

ENERGY CONSERVATION AWARD



The Energy Conservation Award rewards successful, measurable improvements in reducing energy consumption in private industry and business.

These could include comprehensive and formalized policies, programs, and procedures that reach beyond compliance with municipal, provincial or federal regulations. Improvements worthy of the Energy Conservation Award could include the implementation of energy efficient equipment and systems, businesses whose vehicles run on alternative fuels and other endeavours to use less fuel in transportation, new technologies in renewable energy production, and the development of sustainable business practices.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD



Environmental education can heighten awareness about green issues and promote actions that lead toward living more sustainably.

The Environmental Awareness Award is for an individual, group or company that has helped people understand the delicate balance of the natural and built environment. This award acknowledges all acts of environmental education including teaching students, young and old, how their actions can make a difference. This could include producing media stories that cover environmental issues in a responsible, positive way, and developing books, movies, web sites and other educational innovations that contribute to a deeper understanding of conservation and environmental issues.

MERVE WILKINSON AWARD WITH DISTINCTION



Merve Wilkinson stood out as a strong advocate and pioneer in sustainable land use practices. Environmental leaders like Merve offer their fellow residents a shared optimistic vision, as well as the opportunity and motivation to engage in environmental projects that achieve results.

The Merve Wilkinson Award with Distinction can be chosen by the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability from each year's applications to recognize an individual, organization or company's effort that goes above and beyond the norm. The award could be given for lifetime achievement, or it could be for a dedicated individual or company who is inspiring others and delivering results.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

- Individuals, groups and companies can nominate themselves or be nominated by another party by completing the nomination form on the back of this brochure.
- Please identify any information in your submission that is confidential (non-confidential information may be used in promotional pieces).
- Deadline for nominations (including the receipt of supporting materials) is **Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 12 noon.**

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS TO:

By Mail:

City of Nanaimo
455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo BC V9R 5J6
c/o Rob Lawrance

In Person:

Service & Resource Centre
411 Dunsmuir Street

Online: rob.lawrance@nanaimo.ca

ELIGIBILITY

- A nominated project or initiative must be within the City of Nanaimo.
- Individuals nominated for an award must be operating within the City of Nanaimo.
- Companies nominated for an award must have offices within the City of Nanaimo.
- No project is too big or too small.
- Awards in all five categories are not mandated to be given out every year.
- Past winners of Green Nanaimo Awards are welcome to apply.
- City of Nanaimo Staff and/or elected Nanaimo politicians are not eligible.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Nominations are reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (ACES), and winners are recommended to Council for approval.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AT 250-755-7582 OR VISIT

www.nanaimo.ca/goto/committeearwards

NOMINATION FORM

Check one category (per application):

- Home / Neighbourhood Energy Conservation Healthy Living
 Environmental Awareness Youth

Name of Nominee:

Organization:

Address:

City/Postal Code:

Phone/Email:

Please give a brief description (200 words or less) of why you have chosen this person/project to be nominated. (If additional space is required, please attach.) Judging will pay particular attention to the nominee's effectiveness, environmental benefit, innovation, creativity, and promotion of environmental stewardship and leadership.

Submitted by:

Name:

Contact Information for References:

Address:

1. Name:

City/Postal Code:

Contact Number:

Phone/Email:

2. Name:

Contact Number:

Supporting Documents? Yes No (If yes, please list:)

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2015 GREEN NANAIMO AWARDS

Sponsored by the City of Nanaimo's Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability

Every year, individuals and businesses throughout Nanaimo make valuable contributions to the City's environment. City Council believes that these efforts should be honoured and awards the Green Nanaimo Award to recognize local activities that enhance, preserve and protect the environment of Nanaimo.

Award recipients have the opportunity to receive public and peer recognition for the individual, group or company involved and the chance to share their innovation with the community.

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