



The City of Calgary congratulates all recipients of this year's Calgary Awards. These awards recognize Calgary citizens and organizations for their contributions to make our city a dynamic, compassionate and environmentally friendly place to live.

The Calgary Awards were presented on June 9, 2010.

To learn more about the recipients, please visit the website at calgary.ca/calgaryawards

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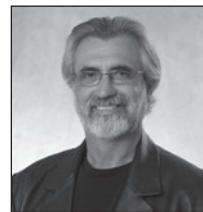
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The Calgary Awards began in 1994 as a Centennial project to commemorate Calgary's 100th year as a city and to recognize outstanding citizen achievement. Since 1994, the Calgary Awards have expanded to 17 awards in total and include the Environmental Achievement Awards, the Award for Accessibility, The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize, The Signature Award and The Community Achievement Awards.

A total of 131 nominations along with 22 entries for The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize were received this year. The selection of award recipients is the responsibility of the Calgary Awards Juries. The juries are comprised of Award recipients from previous years, community representatives, senior city administration and retired members of Council. These juries carefully reviewed the nominations and made the selections for the Award categories. Their selections were sent to Council for final approval.

The following is a description of the Award categories and a brief summary of the winners' accomplishments.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Blue Skies

Awarded to a Calgary business that demonstrates commitment, innovation and leadership in developing and implementing successful commuter trip reduction programs.

Recipient – Matrix Solutions Inc.

Matrix is an environmental and engineering consulting company that specializes in providing environmental solutions and one that walks the talk with their own employee-driven Environmental Committee. Initiatives of the committee have included:

- Participating in the annual Corporate Commuter Challenge for five years;
- Providing a complementary and secure bike lock-up and low-flow shower facilities for employees that choose to bicycle to work, a fully stocked bicycle repair kit on site, an in-house bicycle-maintenance day each year, and a subsidized tune-up program each spring and fall;
- Fostering a carpool program for workers;
- Providing a flexible work environment so that employees have the opportunity to telecommute; and

Matrix and its employees are proudly dedicated to reducing the environmental footprint within their sphere of influence, making them great role models for each other, and as environmental stewards for the clients they work with.

Corporate

The Corporate Award goes to a Calgary business for innovative and/or exemplary environmental conduct. Any corporate entity with an office in Calgary, including a Crown corporation, qualifies for this award.

Recipient – DIRTT Environmental Solutions

DIRTT – that's "Doing it Right This Time" – Environmental Solutions is a manufacturer of innovative and sustainable office solutions and is the brainchild of CEO Mogens Smed.

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DIRTT serves as a model of office manufacturing that is economically successful while being a vibrant contributor to the community, and making as small of an environmental footprint as possible.

Unlike traditional manufacturers of office interiors, DIRTT utilizes state of the art 3D software to work with the client from the ground up, thereby optimizing electricity, phone and computers within a flexible and functional space, minimizing waste and reducing the storage and time traditionally required.

Some of the other elements of environmental sustainability include: use of low volatile organic compounds in the paints, recycling throughout production and solar produced energy on the roof of the plant.

The concept of sustainability permeates everything that DIRTT does, resulting in multiple positive effects on the environment and those working and living in it.

Educational Institution

Presented to a Calgary educational institution, school board, school or student(s) for exemplary conduct or for an innovative environmental policy, project or activity.

Recipient – Alberta Solar Decathlon Team

The Solar Decathlon is a prestigious international competition put on by the U.S. Department of Energy to raise awareness of the energy efficiency and affordability of using solar energy systems in marketable residential homes.

The Alberta Solar Decathlon Team was lead mainly by volunteers and more than 150 students, faculty and staff at the University of Calgary, SAIT Polytechnic, Mount Royal University and the Alberta College of Art and Design – the first-ever collaboration of its kind among these institutions – and the first-ever all western Canadian team to be chosen to compete.

The project was a complex, \$1.5 million dollar, multi-disciplinary effort that encompassed hands-on experiential learning, research, technology demonstration and involved the support and sponsorship of The City of Calgary, ENMAX, the provincial and federal government, and many local suppliers and contractors.

Individual Achievement

Awarded to a Calgarian whose actions and achievements have shown dedication to protecting and /or enhancing the environment.

Recipient – Lonny Balbi

A family lawyer and owner of Balbi and Company, Lonny is an accredited Family Mediator, Arbitrator and Collaborative Family Lawyer, with a passion for the environment.

Lonny founded Bike to Work Day in 2007 to encourage more Calgarians to leave their cars at home and to use their bikes instead, helping to reduce Calgary's per capita environmental footprint and promote cycling as a viable means of transportation.

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As a lead-in to Bike to Work Day, Lonny came up with the concept of “Suit Pursuit” in which a cyclist, motorist and transit rider leave from the same spot and head towards a pre-determined end point. Needless to say, the cyclist has won every year for the past four years – an event that promotes awareness of cycling as an efficient and environmentally-friendly option!

Now involving bike shops and many bike enthusiasts, Bike to Work Day has turned into a successful event that has a positive impact on the environment.

The Not-for-Profit Organization Award

This award goes to a non-government, not-for-profit organization for outstanding environmental contribution, improved environmental quality or the development of an environmental program.

Recipient – The Calgary Zoo – ENMAX Conservatory

The ENMAX Conservatory at the Calgary Zoo is an excellent example of energy-saving, environmentally friendly processes and design. Opened to the public on November 19th, 2009, the Conservatory was designed to showcase five forms of alternative energy technologies and to utilize a number of different interactive stations to educate visitors about these processes.

Highlights of these technologies include:

- A micro-wind turbine that converts wind energy into electricity;
- An external combustion engine that combines heat and power, helping offset a portion of the Conservatory’s boiler system output and to provide another alternate source of electricity;
- Solar photovoltaic panels to convert the sun’s energy into electricity, and solar thermal panels that use heat from the sun to generate hot water through a solar domestic hot water system; and
- A geothermal system utilizes the relatively constant temperature of ground water to heat and cool the building as required throughout the year.

The Conservatory was also built to be more energy efficient through a number of design elements and improvements, including the use of cisterns, double-pane glass construction and careful sealing, in-floor hydronic heating and passive cooling.

Compared to the old Conservatory, the new building is expected to use 70% less energy. During construction 76% of total waste was recycled, and in fact much of the material from the demolition of the original Conservatory was reused.

Formal and informal educational initiatives are a strong component of the Calgary Zoo. In keeping with this, the objective of the Conservatory is that it be a living classroom where visitors can learn through interactive displays and gain insight into ways to conserve energy and reduce their environmental footprint.

The ENMAX Conservatory is built following LEED standards and showcases achievements in environmentally-conscious innovation, promoting awareness of energy issues and educating the public about environmental technologies, systems and conservation.

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THE SIGNATURE AWARD

Presented to an exceptional person whose activities have brought significant recognition to the city of Calgary.

Recipient – Jennifer Bekker

The loss of one's child is something that all parents dread as the worst thing that could possibly happen as a parent. But happen it does and many families are left to try and cope with the devastation and heartbreak that this loss creates.

Jennifer and Paul Bekker faced this situation when their daughter Kira, born June 6, 2003, passed away on January 4, 2005 from a rare degenerative brain condition. Kira – a fighter by all counts who lived much longer than doctors predicted – touched everyone during her short life.

Kira's health challenges meant that her parents spent much of her life at the Alberta Children's Hospital. To celebrate Kira's 1st birthday, a party and fundraiser were held in the hopes of raising \$5000. That 1st Annual Kira's Day raised \$50,000, funds used to purchase Genetic Equipment for the Hospital.

Inspired by Kira's memory and the desire to support other families of children facing progressive, chronic or life-limiting illness, Jennifer organizes an annual event entitled Kira's Day that continues to grow and raise more funds each year for Rotary/Flames House, the first hospice and respite care centre for children in Alberta and only the sixth in North America. In just five years, Kira's Day donors have raised \$500,000 towards the construction of the Living Room at the House. In addition to their fundraising, Jennifer and Paul also participated in the family advisory committee for Rotary/Flames House, with their input and ideas being incorporated into the house.

Jennifer continues to contribute to improving life in the Calgary community and has joined the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation Candy Cane Gala committee. And each year, in memory of her daughter, she continues to organize Kira's Day, to celebrate Kira's birthday and to raise money in her name so that other children and families can receive the support they need.

AWARD FOR ACCESSIBILITY

This award recognizes buildings or facilities in Calgary that have significantly exceeded the minimum requirements of the Alberta Building Code for accessibility by persons with disabilities.

Recipient – Canada Diagnostic Centres – Westhills Clinic

The Canada Diagnostic Centre provides patients and health care providers with highly advanced diagnostic imaging, including x-ray, 2D and 4D ultrasound, MRI, CT scan mammography and bone density testing.

In concert with CDC's vision, Robert Pashuk Architecture focused on creating a welcoming and comfortable environment, one that allowed for a safe, calm, space where patients could attend their appointments with a sense of ease, and that would fully meet the diverse needs of clients and staff.

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A holistic approach called “Universal Design” was taken to the design of the space by focusing on a hypothetical client with many needs right up front, rather than on specific barrier-free requirements in a retroactive effort during the design process.

Since opening in August 2009, the Canada Diagnostic Centre at Westhills has welcomed many patients and has received positive feedback on an environment that has exceeded code requirements and patient expectations.

THE CITY OF CALGARY W.O. MITCHELL BOOK PRIZE

A three-person jury from the Canadian literary community judges all entries and selects the winner for confirmation by The Calgary Awards Committee. The jury is made up of a Calgarian, an Albertan from outside Calgary, and a Canadian from outside Alberta.

Recipient – Gordon Pengilly

The City of Calgary established this book prize in honour of writer W.O. Mitchell. Started in 1994, the award recognizes literary achievement by Calgary authors. The \$5000 prize is coordinated through a partnership between The City of Calgary and the Writers Guild of Alberta and with sponsorship from Uptown 17 BRZ.

In *Metastasis and Other Plays*, Gordon Pengilly presents an award-winning collection of dramas that highlight the core of human tragedy, paranoia and violence. Called “one of Canada’s most original and evocative playwrights”, Mr. Pengilly has penned a book of dark humour and hard-hitting dialogue.

Metastasis had its roots in some random and real life violence, in, as Mr. Pengilly states, “a shadowy, crazy world where human separateness and despair and meaningless bonding are featured in various ways.”

Seeing in the Dark tells the story of Clayton Sykora, a paroled prisoner who tries to reconnect with his former life in his first day as a free man, and *Drumheller or Dangerous Times* has a troubled coalminer seeking salvation in a dinosaur bone he discovers in his coalmine, taking us back to an 80 year old mystery involving a mining engineer, a retired hooker, and a runaway couple.

All of Mr. Pengilly’s plays in this book are dark and intense and exceptional in illustrating the complexity of human lives.

Mr. Pengilly is a versatile, award-winning writer who has written more than fifty plays for film, television, radio and the stage. Awards have included the Writers Guild of Canada Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize for *Drumheller or Dangerous Times*, and the BBC International Radio Drama Prize for *Seeing in the Dark* – both of which are featured in *Metastasis and other plays*, and many provincial and national awards.

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COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Arts

Presented to an individual Calgarian whose artistic accomplishments have brought recognition to Calgary and contributed to developing a stronger arts community.

Recipient – Anne Green

Anne Green is a creative and dynamic professional with over thirty years of experience at regional, national and international levels, primarily in the cultural industries. She has extensive experience successfully managing nationally recognized companies in both the not-for-profit cultural and small business sectors.

Anne is the leader behind one of Canada's preeminent literary festivals, WordFest: Banff-Calgary International Writers Festival, where she has been at its helm for the past 15 years. Anne's strong belief in the arts and the artist has been a common thread spanning her career in the sector. Her time in Calgary has enriched the lives of thousands of artists, and many readers and writers as a result of the Festival's success.

She has single-handedly brought recognition to Calgary by establishing effective working relationships with publishers and writers from across the country and around the world. WordFest's reputation among artists, its strong profile on local and national stages, and its legacy of engaging programs for a broad range of book-lovers of all ages are the hallmarks of Anne's tireless work.

In addition to WordFest, some of Anne's experience includes roles with the Canada Council, the Canadian Job Strategy Program, Alberta Culture, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Alberta Lotteries, Eugenio Barba & Associates, and many western Canadian theatre companies.

She was the recipient of Arts Festival Recognition for the XV Olympic Winter Games, Woman of the Year from The City of Edmonton and the prestigious Rozsa Award for Excellence in Arts Management.

The impact of Anne's work on the cultural life of the community is substantial. Although many have participated in bringing the Festival to where it is today, Anne has been the driving force for 15 years. Her contributions and accomplishments have been significant, and have resulted in a stronger and more vibrant arts community.

Community Advocate Award

Awarded to an individual Calgarian who has made a significant volunteer contribution to the community.

Recipient – Lonny Balbi

Lonny Balbi is a Calgarian who has made significant contributions to the community over the years. A family lawyer and owner of Balbi and Company, he is an accredited Family Mediator, Arbitrator and Collaborative Family Lawyer.

Highlights of Balbi's work include development of the Dispute Resolution Officer Project, the initiation and implementation of Bike to Work Day Calgary, volunteering at the Mustard Seed, and providing free legal services to many Calgarians.

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Established in 1999, the Dispute Resolution Officer Project was a less adversarial and cost effective mechanism for divorcing parties to try and resolve issues prior to expending the time and expense of going to court. Balbi brought on lawyers to donate their time to the project, received the backing of the judiciary, and solicited funding for the infrastructure. Less than 5 years later, the Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family evaluated the project and its results, deeming it a success.

In addition to dedicating his own time to volunteering at the Mustard Seed Ministry, Balbi has brought on numerous other law firms, lawyers, and judges to contribute time and money to the not for profit organization helping the homeless. This has included a special Christmas dinner that is paid for and served by colleagues in the legal profession. Close to 250 people enjoy a special meal each night of the week for five consecutive days near Christmas.

Balbi's personal desire to help the less fortunate also extends to his law firm's policy of providing free legal services to those involved in family law litigation. In varied ways, and with different projects, Balbi has managed to not only contribute his own time and resources to the community, but to facilitate greater contributions from those around him.

Community Advocate: Organization

Awarded to a non-government, not-for-profit Calgary organization for outstanding service to the community by implementing, supporting, or assisting local programs.

Recipient – YWCA of Calgary

2010 marks the YWCA's Centennial – 100 years of serving women and their families in Calgary.

The YWCA focuses on moving women from dependence to independence by offering pre-employment programs, English as a Second Language training, child care, transitional housing, outreach support, and health and wellness programs.

The YWCA has seen hundreds of thousands of Calgarians come through their doors, looking for a better present and future. The Y has succeeded in helping these women, primarily in four areas of work including homelessness and poverty reduction, domestic violence, child and family intervention, and community health and wellness.

The impact that the YWCA and their network of organizations and partnerships have made on so many individuals, their families, and the community cannot be underestimated.

Commerce Award

*The **Commerce Award** is presented to an individual or business for improving business opportunities, making significant community or industry contributions.*

Recipient – Community Natural Foods

For over 30 years, Community Natural Foods has been the hub of Calgary's holistic health community, a place where staff and customers support local organic farms, fair trade suppliers, and sustainable living.

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Community Natural Foods mitigates its environmental impact through various programs including an extensive recycling program, the use of wind power and solar panels, hosting the Greenest Stampede Breakfast in Calgary, and being single use plastic bag free – the first for a Calgary grocer.

Community Natural Foods' procurement policy requires the buyers to purchase organic, local, recycled content and ethically produced products. Working with local farmers and producers whenever possible strengthens the local economy and reduces the footprint of products carried.

An important part of Community Natural Foods' business model is to support local not for profit organizations. Partnerships extend to involvement with the Mustard Seed, the Calgary Interfaith food Bank, the Arusha Centre, and Chrysalis, to name a few.

Education Award

Awarded to a Calgarian who has enhanced learning opportunities or brought recognition to Calgary due to outstanding academic achievement.

Recipient – Dr. David Marshall

Dave Marshall became the 8th President of Mount Royal College in 2003, mandated to transition MRC from a college to a nationally recognized undergraduate university to better serve the needs of students and the community.

In 2009, his work paid off and Mount Royal College became Mount Royal University, a declaration that would not have been possible without Dave's tireless work, and his ability to bring together internal and external forces in a positive and skilful way.

For more than 39 years, Dave Marshall's focus has always been the advancement of higher education and involvement in the community. Calgary and Mount Royal benefitted from this focus, the drive behind:

- articulating a distinctive mission for Mount Royal University;
- launching seven new university degrees;
- securing university-level government funding and promoting the merits of a new university; and
- gathering the support of community and business leaders

Dave's huge achievement has raised the profile of Mount Royal University and Calgary, and ultimately benefits those that it has been there to serve for its 100 year history – the community, and its students.

Heritage Award

Recognizes an individual Calgarian who has made a sustained and extraordinary contribution, either as a volunteer or professional, to the promotion of awareness and/or preservation of Calgary's heritage in the areas of built heritage, archaeology, culture, education or advocacy.

Recipient – Sheila Johnston

A native Albertan, Sheila grew up hearing homestead stories from her parents, planting the seed for Sheila's mission in life to "connect people, young and old, to their heritage, history and memory."

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Sheila has been passionately interested in and concerned about heritage issues for well over two decades, and has been an advocate for the preservation of our heritage and historic structures.

For forty years, Sheila has been actively involved with the Calgary Centre of the Archaeological Society of Alberta, the last five as Honorary Director. She has served as president of the Fort Calgary Preservation Society, was a founding member of the Chinook Country Historical Society, served as president of the Alberta Families Histories Society and the Historical Society of Alberta, and was a member of the Heritage Park Historical Committee.

She has worked on various heritage related issues over the years, always promoting the idea of preserving historic accuracy as opposed to replication.

Youth Award

This award goes to an individual Calgarian, 18 years old or younger on December 31, 2009, whose exceptional achievements have brought recognition to or improved the quality of life in Calgary. The focus is on volunteer and community contributions, not academic achievement.

Recipient – Samantha Brown

Samantha Brown is an active volunteer who has already contributed over 3500 hours to her community. As her nominator stated “she’s done more for her community at the age of 16 than most people will do in their lives”.

A regular kid who has been inspired to help out her community, Samantha has been involved with the Beverly Centre, Alberta Children’s Hospital, the Salvation Army, Friends of Fish Creek Park, Kids Cancer Care Foundation, Minds in Motion, Multicultural Youth Health and Well-being Conference, Big Rock Aikikai Martial Arts, and Calgary Disaster Services, to name a few.

Samantha’s traits – outgoing, hard working, smart, responsible, a team player, and obviously very caring – have impacted everything she has done on the individuals she has volunteered with and for, and to the community as a whole. She is a great role model for not just youth, but for all of us.

Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement Award

Honours an individual Calgarian who, over the past 25 years or more, has made significant contributions to the community and has improved the quality of life for citizens or whose accomplishments have brought recognition to Calgary.

The award is named in honour of the lifetime achievements of Calgarian Dr. Grant MacEwan — writer, environmentalist and politician. City Council created this award to commemorate Dr. MacEwan’s 90th birthday in 1992.

Recipient – The Honourable Peter Lougheed

There is no one more suited to an award that recognizes sustained contributions to the community, improving the quality of life, and accomplishments bringing recognition to Calgary than Peter Lougheed.

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Lougheed was born to Edgar Donald and Edna Bauld Lougheed in 1928. He quickly made his mark as a leader, attending U of A, and Harvard to get his BA, LLB and MBA degrees before returning to Calgary to practice law.

Lougheed's contributions are extensive, accomplishments covering decades of work. At the age of 36, Lougheed became leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta, ending 35 years of Social Credit rule. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 1967, and served as leader of the Official Opposition until 1971, when he became Premier of Alberta, a position he kept for 14 years. It is fitting that it was Lieutenant-Governor Grant MacEwan who appointed Lougheed as Premier on September 10, 1971.

Reflecting back on Lougheed's time as Premier, we see a visionary and leader whose priorities were to protect, nurture and grow Alberta's resources for all Albertans. He was instrumental in setting up a number of structures in order to facilitate this including initiatives to stimulate economic diversification, developing technology for non-conventional oil production, establishing a foundation for medical research, and conserving Albertans' rights during negotiations leading up to the Constitution Act.

Lougheed was the driving force in propelling economic diversification and growth, and the development of health, research and recreational facilities. He was a key facilitator in bringing the 1988 Winter Olympics to Calgary, and as a former politician, businessman and advisor, played roles from 1987 on with the Canadian Alliance for Free Trade and Job Opportunities, the Canada-Japan Forum 2000, the Trilateral Commission, and the Historica Council. His appointed honours are numerous and extensive and show how widely respected Peter Lougheed was and is on a local, provincial and national level.

Citizen of the Year

This award goes to an outstanding individual Calgarian who has made a recent extraordinary contribution that has improved the quality of life in Calgary or whose recent achievements have brought recognition to Calgary.

Recipient – John Hegwood

John Hegwood has made an unparalleled impact on youth and the sport of basketball in Calgary. He is the founder and Director of Basketball for the Calgary Youth Development Centre, also known as the CYDC.

Born in Gary, Indiana, he remembers growing up in a violent city where he risked his life to get to and from the gym. It became a safe haven for him, a place where he could develop his skills and stay out of trouble. That commitment paid off, resulting in a professional basketball career in the U.S., Argentina, and in Calgary, where he finished his career with the Calgary 88's of the World Basketball League.

"Coach John" as he is known, initially became involved with the Calgary Junior Trojans which shortly thereafter merged with the National Sport Development Program. After the program disbanded, there was no formal youth basketball training in the city. In 2005, the not for profit CYDC was formed to fill the void, with John as its leader. CYDC is for aspiring student athletes from Grade 4 and up that focuses on skills, drills, competition, and developing the whole athlete.

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Through the CYCD program, John has positively impacted players' citizenship, sportsmanship and "give-back" attitude, while at the same time, providing a safe place for all. Most evenings and weekends will find John in the gym and contributing a significant number of volunteer hours coaching, program planning, in parent/player discussions and travelling with his players.

The combination of John's vision of amateur athletics along with his extraordinary coaching and mentoring have benefitted so many of Calgary's youth. The CYDC players are recognized as a force to be reckoned with locally, provincially, nationally and internationally; many of whom have gone on to play College and University-level basketball.

Although he has had opportunities to return to the U.S., we are all fortunate that John Hegwood has chosen to remain in Calgary coaching and mentoring many of our city's youth.