



2016 Land Awards

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Land Awards celebrate initiatives that demonstrate leadership, innovation and collaboration in sustainable land use in British Columbia. The awards highlight dynamic, forward-thinking people and organizations – leaders in creating more resilient, healthy communities and natural environments.

The Land Awards were created to recognize initiatives that demonstrate leadership, innovation and collaboration in sustainable land use in the province of BC. Three awards honour organizations in the public, private and non-profit sectors.

A fourth award, the Land Champion Award, honours the outstanding contributions of a BC resident who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in his or her land use related work (paid or volunteer).

To be considered, nominated individuals and organizations must have demonstrated all of the following key qualities:

Leadership – to address an issue or issues related to the sustainable use and conservation of land or real estate in a community or region, sector, profession or the province as a whole.

Innovation – the work or project provides a new way of looking at a land planning/land use/land management/conservation issue and employs a unique solution that can be modeled by others.

Collaboration – exceeded expectations in facilitating the participation of multiple stakeholders and partners to bring one or more projects or programs together. Unusual and creative partnerships are weighted more heavily than run-of-the-mill business or funder-non-profit relationships.

AWARD CATEGORIES

LAND AWARDS (3)

- Non-profit group
- Public sector
- Private sector

LAND CHAMPION (1)

- Individual



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Categories

There are four award categories: three organizational and one individual. There is one award per category.

Non-profit organization – Any non-profit organization operating in the province of BC; includes societies, charitable organizations, co-operatives and professional associations. The BC branch or chapter of an out-of-province organization is an eligible nominee. This category does not include government agencies as “public sector” has its own category.

Public sector – Any municipal, regional, provincial or First Nations government department or office, or a federal government department or office based in the province of BC; publicly-funded institutions (e.g. schools, hospitals, facilities) are also eligible.

Private sector – Any BC-based company including the BC division of a national or international corporation.

Individual – A BC resident whose work (volunteer or paid) has made a lasting contribution to sustainable land use in British Columbia. Awards may be given posthumously.

Eligible Nominees - Projects

Land Awards honour achievement in sustainable land use in British Columbia. To be eligible for consideration, your initiative must be:

- A current program or project that has had activity in the last 24 months.
- Initiated by a BC-based organization. The lead organization will be the project’s nominee.
- Undertaken in partnership with others – e.g. non-profits, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses and/or individuals – in a collaborative way to plan and carry out the project or program for which they are nominated.

Previously nominated projects that have not received an award can be re-nominated for consideration again.

Land Use Subjects

“Land use” is a broad term. For the purpose of these awards, a “land use related” initiative can deal with subjects such as the following. This could include, but is not limited to:

- Land use planning at various scales (neighbourhood, municipality, region)
- Watershed stewardship
- Green building
- Housing
- Finance
- Policy and advocacy
- Monitoring
- Technology
- Sustainable agriculture
- Transportation planning or strategies
- Ecological conservation
- Heritage buildings or precincts
- Public realm and community spaces
- Community infrastructure



COMPLETING A NOMINATION

The nomination form and accompanying documents must be submitted via email by the deadline. Incomplete nominations will not be considered. A nomination can be made by an individual or organization. Self-nominations are welcome.

Nomination Form

There are two different nomination forms, one for Land Awards (for organizations) and one for the Land Champion Award (for an individual.) Nomination forms are available for download at refbc.com/land-awards.

Land Awards:

- land award nomination form
- at least three photos/images
- two letters of support

Land Champion Award:

- land champion nomination form
- at least three photos/images
- three letters of support

Nominators may also include other addenda (e.g. brochure, video, website link) to help communicate the project or program more fully.

Note: If a nomination includes many links, or the links are too long articles or videos, it is unlikely that the selection committee will have time to read/watch them all. Please choose support material carefully.



Submission

Email nominations to stephanie@refbc.com.

If you are sending attachments in more than one email, identify them so we can ensure that we have received them all.

Questions

Direct questions about the Land Awards program to:
Stephanie Butler
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Direct 604.343.2620
Toll free 1.866.912.6800 ext 101

Deadline

Completed nominations must be received in the Real Estate Foundation's email inbox by 11:59 p.m. on **Monday, May 30, 2016**. We will confirm receipt by email within one working day of receiving your submission.

ABOUT THE REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION OF BC

The Real Estate Foundation of BC is a philanthropic organization that helps advance sustainable land use in British Columbia. We provide grants to non-profit organizations working to improve BC communities through responsible and informed land use, conservation and real estate practices.

In addition to funding research, education and law reform initiatives, we connect with organizations to share information on BC land use issues, in order to facilitate decision-making based on current information and best practice.

While the Foundation makes grants to non-profits only, Land Awards are given in all sectors. We believe that sharing knowledge and connections builds bridges and supports real progress toward sustainability.

WINNING AN AWARD

Selection

Each year, the Real Estate Foundation selects members to an external committee of judges. They are experts in land use related fields such as community planning, sustainability, green building, property development, land conservation and education. The committee will review and short-list finalists in each of the three sector categories.

A special committee of Real Estate Foundation past-chairs will adjudicate the Land Champion award. Both committees will base their decisions on the nomination criteria in this package.

Finalists

The Real Estate Foundation will produce a short video of each finalist project – and one highlighting the Land Champion's achievements. We will require the cooperation of the finalists during the summer months to produce the videos, which will be screened at the Land Awards Gala in October.

The videos will be available for the organizations' use and the Foundation will post them online (website and YouTube) for public viewing after the gala.

Each finalist project will receive two complimentary tickets to the gala. Transportation and accommodation will be the finalists' responsibility.



2014 WINNERS



Land Champion
Gary Runka



Non-Profit
"The Station"
Cowichan Green
Community Society



Public
"Agricultural Land
Use Inventory"
BC Ministry of
Agriculture



Private
"Organic Land Care
Education Program"
Gaia College