

2011 Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards

The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development has established the Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards to recognize Manitobans who embrace the spirit and principles of sustainable development. The Manitoba Round Table is an advisory board that provides information and support to the provincial government about responsible resource management and land use, as well as, on environment, social and economic development. The goal of the awards is to recognize and honour people, projects and ideas that successfully turn the principles of sustainable development into concrete, lasting achievements.

Sustainable development considers the long-term consequences of decisions and actions on the environment, the economy and human health and well-being. It balances the needs of today without sacrificing the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Sustainability is the desired goal of sustainable development.

Award Categories

Action on Climate Change, Air Quality and Energy Efficiency

Demonstrate action and achievements such as:

- reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality
- addressing climate change impacts and adaptations through innovation
- integrating innovations that improve energy efficiency

Sustainability in Water and Natural Area Stewardship

Demonstrate stewardship such as:

- enhancing or preserving watersheds and habitats for wildlife and fish
- incorporating sustainable farming and land-use practices
- advancing sustainable practices in the forest, mineral and energy sectors
- exceeding ecological restoration and reclamation requirements

Sustainability in Pollution Prevention and Product Stewardship

Demonstrate stewardship such as:

- preventing pollution at the source by avoiding or minimizing pollutants or waste production
- enhancing 4R (reduction, reuse, recover and recycle) initiatives for material management
- integrating sustainable use of resources, packaging and transportation
- incorporating designing for environment or eco-design, which examines a product's entire lifecycle

Education for Sustainability

Demonstrate action and achievement such as:

- involving public or private educational programs (kindergarten to Grade 12, post secondary, adult learning) and incorporating sustainability into policies, operations and programs
- enhancing teaching and learning of/for sustainability and the adoption of sustainability policies and practices

Innovation and Research for Sustainability

Demonstrate action and achievement such as:

- providing leadership that builds or strengthens innovation for sustainability in Manitoba
- developing major research advancements that contribute to sustainability

Champion for Sustainability

Demonstrate action and achievement such as:

- an individual, community, organization or business making a notable contribution to sustainability
- advancing sustainable practices in a community or a business sector



The evaluation panel may also select a winner of the 2011 Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability Award.

Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability Award

The winner will demonstrate characteristics such as:

- distinguished commitment to and champion of sustainability in multiple categories
- outstanding progress and contributions sustained over a minimum of five years
- notable development or integration of superior innovations that have advanced sustainability on a local, national or international level
- promotional and educational leadership that has contributed to a significant and broad social understanding of sustainability

Eligibility

- The Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards are open to all residents of the Province of Manitoba, any organization or business operating in Manitoba and initiatives taking place in Manitoba.
- Past Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Award winners are not eligible to receive an award for the same project. Winners can re-enter, except where they have won that category for three consecutive years.
- Members of the Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Award evaluation panel, their immediate families and their affiliated companies or organizations are not eligible to receive an award.

Selection Criteria

The awards evaluation panel will use the following criteria to evaluate all submissions:

1. The project or individual/collective achievement incorporates the provincial Principles and Guidelines of Sustainable Development. While all the principles may not apply to this particular project or person, no principles can be violated.
 - *Principles of Sustainable Development*
 - integration of environmental and economic decisions
 - stewardship
 - shared responsibility and understanding
 - prevention
 - conservation and enhancement
 - rehabilitation and reclamation
 - global responsibility
 - *Guidelines of Sustainable Development*
 - efficient use of resources
 - public participation
 - access to information
 - integrated decision-making and planning
 - waste minimization and substitution
 - research and innovation

For detailed explanations of the Principles and Guidelines of Sustainable Development go to www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/susresmb/index.html

2. The project or individual/collective achievement demonstrates:
 - sustainable environmental management
 - sound community economic development
 - benefits to human health and social well-being
 - links between the environment, economy, human health and social well-being
3. The project or individual/collective achievement educates and raises awareness of the value of sustainable development.
4. The project or individual/collective achievement demonstrates measurable improvement and innovation over existing practices and displays how triple bottom-line accounting is incorporated.

Conditions

- Submissions and nominations are evaluated by a panel of representatives from the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development. The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development as a whole approves all award winners.
- Applications and nominations are subject to a due diligence check. An individual or organization will not be considered if there is an outstanding environmental or health and safety order; if there is a criminal charge against them; or if there is an ongoing investigation.
- Initiatives resulting from a government order are not eligible for an award.
- The Province of Manitoba reserves the right to publicize results and achievements in press releases.
- The selection panel may declare a submission invalid if fraudulence or gross misrepresentation is suspected. Ineligible entries will be dismissed.
- All decisions of the evaluation panel and the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development are final.
- The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development, its evaluation panel and the Province of Manitoba do not bear any liability for entries that are lost or delayed.
- Winners may use the award logo in their own publicity by signing an agreement with the provincial government outlining the terms of use.

Application/Nomination Process

Complete the application/nomination form and include a brief, typewritten description of the individual/collective achievement (maximum five pages). Describe how the accomplishments meet the selection criteria for the Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Award. You may attach any supporting material you wish (maximum five pages). You may include up to two letters of support from people or organizations who have observed the benefits of the individual/collective efforts.

Deadline for applications/nominations is noon, Friday, August 19, 2011.

Applications and nominations should be submitted by email, fax or mail to:

Email: mrtsd@gov.mb.ca Electronic submissions are encouraged.
Fax: 204-948-2357
Mail: 2011 Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards
Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development
160-123 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1A5

For more details on the awards contact:

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