

2009 MANITOBA PLANNING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The *Manitoba Planning Excellence Awards* acknowledge individuals, organizations, companies and Manitoba planning authorities (municipalities or planning districts) in their efforts to enhance communities through innovative and high quality land use planning initiatives. The Awards promote outstanding planning practice that supports the implementation of sustainable development principles within land use related planning activities in Manitoba.

About the Sponsor

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs' mission is to help improve the economic, social and environmental well being of Manitoba communities and their citizens. The department encourages all Manitobans to take an active role in planning and directing the future of their communities.

Our Partners

The *Manitoba Planning Excellence Awards* recipients are chosen by a jury that may consist of representatives from Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs and agencies and individuals with planning expertise in Manitoba including:

- Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)
- Institute of Urban Studies, University of Winnipeg (IUS)
- Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI)
- Rural Development Institute, University of Brandon (RDI)
- University of Manitoba, City Planning (UMCP)
- Citizen Representative
- Other professional/agency/organization as deemed necessary

Award Eligibility

Any land use planning-related project or initiative may be nominated, including but not necessarily limited to:

- Development Plan, Secondary Plan or Sector Plan
- Planning Policy
- Downtown or Community Revitalization Initiative
- Community Development Project
- New Approach or Model to Address Current Planning or Land Use Issue(s)
- Zoning By-law
- Subdivision Design or Development
- Community Design Project (a building or structural design may be a part of such a project, but it should not be the main feature)

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Award Criteria

In addition to describing the project's goal/objective(s), each entry should demonstrate, in a summary explanation, how the project reflects the four criteria listed below. The summary explanation should not exceed four pages. Additional pre-printed materials, plans, images, documents, etc., may be submitted to complement the summary explanation. Please enclose seven copies of all materials submitted. The jury will consider the following criteria to determine the winner(s):

Innovation

- Innovative or new approaches to planning include the introduction of an original concept or the refinement of an existing planning model, design, policy, by-law or initiative.

Excellence

- The initiative must exhibit high standards of quality, design and professionalism.

Outcome & Effectiveness

- Explain how success was measured and make reference to any anticipated or realized benefits.

Participation & Applicability

- Explain how stakeholders were involved in various aspects of the planning or developmental process and how the project could be applicable to other Manitoba communities.

Jury Considerations

The jury reserves the right to evaluate projects depending upon the amount, type and location of submissions made in each eligible category.

Nomination & Award

Anyone may submit an entry on behalf of themselves or another individual, organization, company or planning authority. Up to three Awards will be given out every two years and the jury reserves the right to recommend "Honourary Mention" Awards. The next Awards will be given out during the Manitoba Planning Conference, held in Brandon at the Keystone Centre on October 28 to 30, 2009. Submissions must be received on or before September 2, 2009 and they must meet all of the Award conditions outlined in the Application Form. To find more information about the program and see a summary of past Award winners, check the Province of Manitoba web page at:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/land_use_dev/planning_awards

Further Information

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