

MANITOBA PLANNING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2020

The Manitoba Planning Excellence Awards acknowledges individuals, organizations, companies and Manitoba municipalities who have contributed to improving the wellbeing of Manitoba communities through high quality planning initiatives. The Awards promote outstanding planning practice, planning processes and design guided by sustainable development principles to ensure strong, healthy and well-managed communities across the Province.

About the Sponsor

The vision of Manitoba Municipal Relations -Community Planning Division is to embrace innovation and collaboration to help build a strong Manitoba made up of safe, healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities. The Department of Municipal Relations encourages all Manitobans to take an active role in planning and directing the future of their communities.

The Awards Jury

The Awards Jury consists of planning professionals from the private and public sectors including:

- Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)
- Institute of Urban Studies, University of Winnipeg (IUS)
- Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI)
- Rural Development Institute, Brandon University (RDI)
- City Planning, University of Manitoba (UMCP)
- Manitoba Municipal Relations (MR)

The jury members will select the awards winner and their decisions are final. Jury members cannot evaluate or vote on nominations for projects in which they directly participated or those submitted by the department or firm in which they are currently employed.

Eligible projects or initiatives

Eligible projects or initiatives include:

1. Development plan, Secondary plan, Zoning By-law
2. Planning policy and practice at the local, regional, or provincial scale
3. Planning process
4. New planning approach or research to respond to planning opportunities and challenges
5. Downtown or community revitalization initiative
6. Healthy communities and design that focuses on building sustainable communities.
7. Community development project that enhances well-being of communities.
8. Public engagement
9. Subdivision design
10. Transportation Planning

Evaluation Criteria

The following four categories will be weighted equally in assessing submissions for this award:

- 1) Innovation (25%)

Explain how the initiative demonstrates (an) original approach(es) to planning, including the introduction of a new concept or the refinement of an existing planning model, design, policy, by-law, initiative, or process.

2) Quality & Contribute to the Profession (25%)

Explain how the methodology, process and results of the initiative demonstrates high standards of skill and knowledge in the planning field. Describe the roles and contributions of the project to the Manitoba planning professional(s).

3) Public Engagement (25%)

Explain how various stakeholders were involved in the planning or developmental process, and steps taken to involve those who are marginalized.

4) Outcome & Sustainability (25%)

Explain how success was measured. Also explain how the project helps Manitoba communities to achieve social, economic and environmental aspects of sustainable development principles.

Eligibility Criteria of a Nominated Project or Initiative

- The project must be related, at least partly, to land use planning.
- The project must be located in, and undertaken on behalf of, a community, group, company, individual, organization or planning authority (municipal government or planning district board) in Manitoba.
- The community, group, company, individual, organization or planning authority which undertook, designed or initiated the project must have an office in, or be a resident of, Manitoba.
- The project must be completed or at least partially operational, by December 2019. Incomplete or draft projects are not eligible.
- If the project is a document to be adopted by by-law (e.g. development plan, secondary plan, zoning by-law, etc.), the document must be approved and enacted at the time of nomination.
- No amendments to a nomination will be allowed after the submission deadline.

Submission Requirements

Anyone may submit an entry on behalf of themselves or another individual, organization, company or planning authority. Submissions must meet all submission requirements as described below.

Please submit one electronic copy of each submission via flash drive or e-mail if size is allowable. Each submission must include the following:

- A completed application form.
- A one-page index listing all the files loaded for review.
- A two-page summary of the project.
- An explanation (maximum four page) demonstrating how the submission meets each of the Evaluation Criteria.

- A copy of the nominated project which should include plans, images, documents, etc., may be submitted to complement the project description.
- Two letters of support (optional).
- The submission deadline is 4:00 P.M. (CST) on **March 23, 2020**.
- Submit all entries to: SteinbachCRP@gov.mb.ca

Presentation of the Awards

Up to three Awards, plus Honourable Mentions, may be granted. All awards will be announced at the Planning Excellence Awards Ceremony during the Manitoba Planning Conference, to be held in Winnipeg, May 13-15, 2020. Award nominees (or their representatives) may be asked to attend an award ceremony during the Manitoba Planning Conference.

For more information on the Awards and a summary of past Award winners, visit the Manitoba Municipal Relations Web site: https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/land_use_dev/planning_awards.html

For further information

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