

# 2021 Awards

## Municipal Environmental Award

This award recognizes AUMA member municipalities that have demonstrated excellence in environmental practices in their municipal operations, administration, and governance.

Completed award nominations are to be submitted, with the subject line **Nomination for Municipal Environmental Award** on or before **August 13, 2021**.

E-mail: [awards@auma.ca](mailto:awards@auma.ca)

You will receive a confirmation of receipt within 2 business days of making a submission. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact Anita Sookar - [asookar@auma.ca](mailto:asookar@auma.ca) or 780.989.7406.



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The Municipal Environmental Award is presented each year to:

- an AUMA member municipality with a population of 2,500 or less;
- an AUMA member municipality with a population of 2,500 to 10,000; and
- an AUMA member municipality with a population of 10,000 and above.

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## **Eligibility**

To be considered for a Municipal Environmental Award, an Alberta municipality will demonstrate that its initiatives have:

- Leveraged best practices, innovation, and advanced technologies in the areas of:
  - waste management
  - climate change mitigation and adaptation
  - energy efficiency and conservation
  - water and wastewater
  - urban wildlife management
  - brownfield management and redevelopment; or
  - other environmental areas
- Demonstrated:
  - Environmental impact and benefits
  - Fostering behavioural changes
  - Originality and innovation
  - Community stakeholder involvement
  - Transferability and scalability
  - Social or economic impact or benefit
- Aligned with:
  - Municipality's environmental plan and have been integrated into the municipality's day-to-day operations and decision-making structures.
  - Municipality's strategy to monitor, review and update its environmental plan.

## **Nominating process**

A Council, an AUMA Standing Committee, or the AUMA Board may nominate a member for the award by submitting a completed nomination form. Councils can self-nominate their municipality.

## **Type of award**

The award will be a certificate, plaque or other form of suitable recognition.

## **Time of award**

The awards will be presented during the fall of 2021.

# Municipal Environmental Award Nomination

## Components to the Municipal Environmental Award Nomination:

We accept nomination forms via email or One Drive.

One Drive allows applicants to share high-definition JPG and videos.

To submit via One Drive, you must contact [awards@auma.ca](mailto:awards@auma.ca) to set up your access.

1. Review and complete the nomination form below.
  2. Answer all of the questions outlined in this document.
  3. Collect 4 – 6 digital photos (high resolution; JPG format) that showcase the nominee and submit them. You can also submit videos.
  4. Once all three components have been completed, email them to [awards@auma.ca](mailto:awards@auma.ca).
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## Nomination form:

Complete the nomination form below, save as a PDF and attach to your emailed submission.

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ Population: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant or Nominator Contact Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that this nomination has been approved by the council of:

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Questions:

Answer the following questions, submit as a separate file (pdf or word doc) and attach to your emailed submission. URL links to further information can be included in your answers.

Question	Available Points	Weighting Points	Maximum Points
Describe how your initiative has resulted in tangible benefits to the local environment. In your answer, please be sure to include a description of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who was involved?</li> <li>Any challenges that were faced and how they were overcome.</li> </ul>	5	4	20
Describe the positive behavioural changes in the municipality because of your initiative. In your answer, please be sure to include a description of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicators of success (can be qualitative or quantitative).</li> </ul>	5	4	20
Describe the unique and innovative techniques that were utilized, adopted, demonstrated, or applied.	5	3	15
How has your municipality cooperated and collaborated with community stakeholders, neighbouring municipalities, indigenous groups, public and private partner organizations? and How have municipal staff, residents, organizations helped municipalities achieve this environmental initiative?	5	3	15
Describe how this environmental initiative could potentially be used on a broader scale by others.	5	2	15
What has been the other benefit (social and economic impact, etc.) to the community and possibly the region?	5	2	10
How does the initiative align with your municipality's environmental or sustainability plan? and How has it been integrated into the municipality's day-to-day operations and decision-making structures?	5	2	5

Points shall be awarded on a scoring scale of 0 to 5. Partial scores or scores used that are not defined below will not be used.

5	Applicant's answer fully exceeds expectations, clearly answer the question.
4	Applicant's answer somewhat exceeds expectations.
3	Applicant's answer fully meets expectations, no weakness, or deficiencies.
2	Applicant's answer partially meets expectations; minor weakness or deficiencies.
1	Applicant's answer does not meet expectations or demonstrate an understanding of the question, major weakness, or deficiencies.
0	Lack of response, or a complete misunderstanding of the requirements.

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## Checklist:

I confirm that I have completed the nomination form and am including it in my emailed submission.

I confirm that I have completed the questions as outlined and am including it in my emailed submission.

I confirm that I have included 4 – 6 digital photos (high resolution: JPG format) in my email submission. I give AUMA permission to use them for promotional purposes related to this award by submitting these photos.

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**Deadline:** August 13, 2021