



The City of Calgary congratulates all recipients of this year's Calgary Awards. These awards recognize Calgary citizens and organizations for their contributions in making our city a dynamic, compassionate and environmentally friendly place to live.

The Calgary Awards were presented on June 10, 2008.

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The Calgary Awards began in 1994 as a Centennial project to commemorate Calgary's 100th year as a city and to recognize outstanding citizen achievement. Since 1994, the Calgary Awards have expanded to include the Environmental Achievement Awards, the Award for Accessibility, The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize, The Signature Award and The Community Achievement Awards.

A total of 81 nominations along with 22 entries for The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize were received this year. The selection of award recipients is the responsibility of the Calgary Awards Juries. The juries are comprised of Award recipients from previous years, community representatives, senior city administration and retired members of Council. These juries carefully reviewed the nominations and made the selections for the Award categories. Their selections were sent to Council for final approval.

The following is a description of the Award categories and a brief summary of the winners' accomplishments.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Corporate

The Corporate Award goes to a Calgary business for innovative and/or exemplary environmental conduct. Any corporate entity with an office in Calgary, including a Crown corporation, qualifies for this award.

Recipient – Calgary Alternative Transportation Co-op (CATCO)

Calgary Alternative Transportation Co-op (CATCO) is a small, member-owned co-operative, incorporated in 1999 to promote, develop and operate transportation alternatives in Calgary.

Having introduced a car sharing service into Calgary, CATCO is committed to improving the environment making it easier for Calgarians to live without owning a car.

The carshare program provides customers access to rental vehicles by the hour, allowing those who choose to live without a car this opportunity. Rental rates are charged to cover all costs including insurance, maintenance and even fuel.

CATCO works with condominium developers and The City to reduce the parking constraints around the downtown core.

Members not only benefit from the system, but also improve their health while decreasing their expenses and decreasing their impact on the environment by using other methods of transportation.

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Educational Institution

Presented to a Calgary educational institution, school board, school or student(s) for exemplary conduct or for an innovative environmental policy, project or activity.

Recipient – University of Calgary, *Child Development Centre*

The Child Development Centre is a partnership between the University of Calgary, the Calgary Health Region and other supporting organizations interested in working together for the benefit of families and children with a range of developmental conditions.

The 125,000 square-foot building consists of an office, laboratory and child care space and is the largest Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (*LEED*) Platinum certified building in Canada. The building incorporates a number of green initiatives including solar panels, high-performance boilers and water efficient fixtures.

As a result of these initiatives, there is an estimated energy cost reduction of over 70 per cent and a reduction in water use of more than 55 per cent per year when compared to other conventional buildings of the same size.

Not only does this building house a child-care facility, students from the Faculty of Environmental Design and the Schulich School of Engineering are conducting post-secondary studies on the building's performance.

The Not-for-Profit Organization Award

This award goes to a non-government, not-for-profit organization for outstanding environmental contribution, improved environmental quality or the development of an environmental program.

Recipient – Clean Calgary Association, *Waste Wise Community Outreach Program*

Clean Calgary. The name says a lot, even if you don't know about this not-for-profit organization.

In short, the mandate of Clean Calgary Association is to empower Calgarians to create healthy homes and communities through environmental education, products and services.

This is why Clean Calgary's been chosen as the recipient of this year's Award for Environmental Achievement in the Not-for-Profit category.

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Clean Calgary started with minimizing litter in 1977 and expanded to a wide range of re-use, reduce and recycle – to the point of being an award-winning leader in environmental education and initiatives.

The biggest thrust of the program is spreading the word on composting. In particular, the Waste Wise Community Outreach Program, led by Karen Morrison, provided education and support to a specific Calgary community.

This resulted in a 40 per cent reduction from Dalhousie residents' landfill waste. Dalhousie was chosen because it's a mature community. Its yards and subsequent clippings made it a great area to target. Plus, focusing on one community brought out a team spirit to become *the* model of a composting community.

Related initiatives included 1,000 surveys to understand attitudes and behaviours, a master composter course so the community had local resources, an effective composting system for West Dalhousie School as well as solidifying student buy-in through various means.

Moving forward, the Waste Wise Community Outreach program has clear direction to keep residents committed, educated and assisted – the goal being for Clean Calgary to be but a support role.

Thanks to Karen and her myriad of program supporters, one Calgary community is leading the way in hands-on, community-based environmental initiatives. From which all of us can learn.

Individual Achievement

Awarded to a Calgarian whose actions and achievements have shown dedication to protecting and /or enhancing the environment.

Recipient – Cathy Ryan

Cathy Ryan is an Associate Professor of the B.Sc. Environmental Science Program and of the Department of Geoscience and an Adjunct Professor of Engineering at the University of Calgary.

Trained as a groundwater scientist, Dr. Ryan's research in both ground and surface water in Canada and Latin America has made an increasingly important contribution to promoting the awareness and need for the support of better policy and guidelines to help keep our river water clean and safe to drink.

Dr. Ryan's primary research interests include the effects of humans and animals and different land uses on water quality. At various test sites, she investigated the amount of

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pollutants seeping into groundwater, the impact on the surrounding environment and what is needed to be done to mitigate further groundwater pollution.

As a researcher and teacher, Cathy is someone who has shown dedication to protecting the environment locally, nationally and internationally and is helping to make the world a better place by passing on her knowledge to others.

Honourable Mention – Brian Sinclair

AWARD FOR ACCESSIBILITY

This award recognizes buildings or facilities in Calgary that have significantly exceeded the minimum requirements of the Alberta Building Code for accessibility by persons with disabilities.

Recipient – The Calgary Health Region, Alberta Children’s Hospital

Calgary is proud to have one of the leading children's hospitals in Canada. Its features are technologically advanced and sometimes put in just for fun to help young guests through a scary time.

For setting a new standard for hospitals and public building, The Children's Hospital is presented with the 2007 Award for Accessibility. Accessibility starts with the pedestrian drop-off, its low-slope curb and canopy providing easy access for wheelchairs and strollers.

The main level of the parkade has an over-height ceiling to accommodate handicap buses. There's also an area for vehicles to escape bad weather so passengers are protected and don't have to wait for service.

Further accessible features include low-slope walkways, playgrounds designed for the mobility-impaired and even a ramp to the tree house, so all can enjoy the lookout station.

There are over 100 automatic doors in the facility, exterior and interior for easy access for wheelchairs, beds and supply carts.

Countertops, aquariums and windows were designed low to ensure guests and visitors have good views and can use all the amenities. Elevators feature Braille, voice and low-level touch activation for everyone's ease.

Special areas of the building include the Gordon Townsend School, a non-denominational place for worship, an art and music studio, auditorium, pet visiting room and gymnasium – all designed with mobility issues in mind.

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"The Sunroom" is particularly unique, allowing children who cannot go outside due to infections to experience some outdoor sensations while remaining safely inside.

From parking to rehabilitation and socialization, to acute care, the Calgary Health Region and the hospital design team went beyond basic requirements and expectations to ensure all visitors have equal – indeed enhanced – access.

THE SIGNATURE AWARD

Presented to an exceptional person whose activities have gained international acclaim and who has actively contributed to the quality of life in Calgary and brought significant recognition to our city.

Recipient – Dr. Garnette Sutherland

Dr. Sutherland is a professor of neurosurgery at the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine and a Calgary Health Region neurosurgeon. A gifted neurosurgeon, Dr. Sutherland is often called upon by academic medical centres to perform difficult brain aneurysm surgeries that no other surgeon will do.

Dr. Sutherland spearheaded the internationally recognized Intraoperative MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) program and performed the first operation using the Intraoperative MR System on a human patient on December 4, 1997.

The neuroArm, the world's first MRI-compatible surgical robot, is also the brainchild of Dr. Sutherland and his team and was several years in the making. It provides surgeons unprecedented detail and control, enables them to manipulate tools at a microscopic scale and is less invasive and more accurate for brain surgery.

THE CITY OF CALGARY W.O. MITCHELL BOOK PRIZE

A three-person jury from the Canadian literary community judges all entries and selects the winner for confirmation by The Calgary Awards Committee. The jury is made up of a Calgarian, an Albertan from outside Calgary, and a Canadian from outside Alberta.

Recipient – Diane Guichon

The City of Calgary established this book prize in honour of my father, writer W.O. Mitchell. Started in 1994, the award recognizes literary achievement by Calgary authors. The \$5000 prize is coordinated through a partnership between The City of Calgary, the Writers Guild of Alberta and with the sponsorship of McNally Robinson Booksellers.

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Birch Sprit Bark is Diane Guichon's debut collection of brave and multi-layered poetry that uses the extended metaphor of the canoe to bring the stories of four family members to surface. Each member of this family – father John, mother Isabelle, son Bobby and daughter Lily - has their own voice; each tells of rejection, misunderstanding and acceptance, each exploring memories and impressions of one another.

What ties the book together is the single dominant image of canoes and canoeing. Ms. Guichon uses every aspect of the canoe, from between water and land to the technical details of its construction, to serve both as expressive images of the characters' emotions and as a kind of objective standard by which they are all measured.

Ms. Guichon is a long time resident of Calgary where she lives with her husband and three children. She is a recent M.A. graduate from the University of Calgary's Creative Writing Program and teaches Literature and Effective Writing at various campuses around the city. In 2006, her poetry manuscript, *Vignette* was adapted and performed on stage by the University of Calgary's Nickle and Dime Production Company.

I am pleased to present this year's W.O. Mitchell Book Prize for *Birch Split Bark*. Congratulations Diane Guichon for creating a poignant collection of poems that supports the oneness of Canadian culture with the canoe.

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Arts

Presented to an individual Calgarian whose artistic accomplishments have brought recognition to Calgary or whose volunteer or professional involvement has contributed to developing a stronger arts community.

Recipient – Robert Eklund

Robert Eklund, this years Arts Award recipient, is one of those people fortunate enough to discover his passion early in life – then nurture and share it with tens of thousands of others.

Mr. Eklund is recognized throughout the world as a music educator, adjudicator, director and innovator. He is best known for founding and directing the Central Memorial Golden Rams Marching Show Band for more than two decades.

He grew up in a musical family, playing piano and violin. But it was the excitement, energy and newness of show bands that captured his heart. It was in Calgary, beginning with the Golden Rams band in 1970 that Mr. Eklund made his mark.

Under his direction the Rams took the world by storm, winning scores of competitions. He was also a founding director of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Marching

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Show Band, founder of the Calgary Stetson Show band, founder of the Alberta Twirling Federation and executive band director of the Calgary Round-up Band Association.

In 1990 he won Alberta's Excellence in Teaching Award. Five years later, he retired from the Calgary Board of Education after 28 years. He had accomplished his career goals by doing something he truly enjoyed – by drawing the very best out of young people.

Humble, patient and blessed with an ability to enrich other people's lives, Mr. Eklund continues to spread and enhance the world of music. After retirement, he successfully founded the World Association of Marching Show Bands, an organization that encourages active participation in show bands universally and stimulates the staging of world-class band events.

Clearly, his vision continues to fulfill his lifelong passion.

Community Advocate Award

Awarded to an individual Calgarian who has made a significant volunteer contribution to the community.

Recipient - Jack McMullen

Jack McMullen has volunteered more than 30 years with the Cambrian Heights Community Association. He became active on the Cambrian Heights board in the 1980s as the Scouts representative, served as Treasurer, then as President and continued to stay actively involved serving the board as Past President.

Jack's dedication and tireless effort has gone way beyond the expected. He is the window into the history of the Cambrian Heights community. Because of his contribution of time and devotion, the community has indeed benefited and seen many huge differences.

In 2005, Jack was honoured by the Federation of Calgary Communities with The Cambrian Heights Community Hero Award. The community association was quoted as saying "Jack is the voice of experience and reason for our Board of Directors for which he is an endless resource. He is an exceptional communicator and the soul of the community".

Jack truly walks the walk and serves as a role model for all who have the good fortune to meet and work with him.

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Community Advocate: Organization

Awarded to a non-government, not-for-profit Calgary organization for outstanding service to the community by implementing, improving, supporting, or assisting a local project or program.

Recipient – Federation of Calgary Business Revitalization Zones Society (CBiZ)

Calgary's Business Revitalization Zones (CBiZ) is comprised of a group of business tax payers located within a specified zone and that are governed by a volunteer board of directors. There are nine BRZs in Calgary: Bowness, Calgary Downtown Association, Fourth Street, Inglewood, International Avenue, Kensington, Marda Loop, Uptown 17 and Victoria Crossing.

The shared goal of the CBiZ's is to augment and promote economic development in Calgary's established business districts.

Mangers of the BRZs are passionate about making their small business districts places where vitality shines and Calgarians flock to spend time. Many initiatives like the Clean to the Core Program, Lilac Festival on Fourth Street, Madri Gras in Marda Loop are just a few examples of what makes Calgary a vibrant and dynamic place to live.

With limited funds and huge imaginations. the BRZs provide various activities and strive to ensure the streets are as clean and safe as possible for all Calgarians.

Commerce Award

*The **Commerce Award** is presented to an individual or business for improving business opportunities, making significant community or industry contributions.*

Recipient – Wayne Chiu, Trico Homes Inc.

From humble beginnings in 1989, Wayne Chiu and the staff at Trico Homes have developed a reputation earning them local and national recognition.

Much like the homes his company builds, Mr. Chiu's long-term goal of creating a "legacy" company is shaped on a strong foundation – followed by action. This blueprint has earned Mr. Chiu and Trico Homes this year's Community Achievement award in the commerce category.

From a charitable and community perspective, his company philosophy is simple: **they don't do sponsorships!**

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Instead, Trico forges partnerships that often extend for a decade. Notably, Trico has raised more than \$1.3 million for the Kids Cancer Care Foundation in a partnership that is in its 8th year of a 10 year commitment. Other long-term partners include the Leighton Art Centre, GlobalFest, Bow Valley College, Chinatown Street Festival, the Family Leisure Centre and Immigrant Services Calgary.

In its first years, Trico built less than 20 homes annually. Today it has a staff of more than 100 full-time employees, and builds more than 500 single and multi-family homes per year.

Trico Homes has been recognized as one of Canada's Best Managed companies for four straight years, and as one of Canada's Best Workplaces the past two years. Locally, The Better Business Bureau of Southern Alberta awarded Trico with the 2006 Ethics Award and Trico received the annual leadership award for mid-sized businesses by Volunteer Calgary.

Mr. Chiu and his employees embrace the idea that corporate philanthropy truly can be "good for business." To that end, they continually seek ways to enrich and develop strong, healthy and vibrant communities.

Education Award

Awarded to a Calgarian who has enhanced learning opportunities or brought recognition to Calgary due to outstanding academic achievement.

Recipient – Scott Bietz

A unique partnership between the Vocational & Rehabilitation Research Institute (VRRRI) and Calgary Board of Education was implemented in 2003 to prepare teens with moderate cognitive disabilities for the transition from the school environment to independent living and work environments. This is where Scott plays an important role.

As a Community Rehabilitation Worker with the VRRRI, Scott has demonstrated a strong leadership role in promoting learning opportunities for teens with developmental disabilities.

A strong advocate, Scott goes far beyond the requirements of this job to encourage and help these young adults and their families through this transition. Scott is well-liked and respected by his students, peers and colleagues.

Scott has also been a dedicated and much appreciated volunteer for many years with the Rockyview Hospital – Grief Support Group.

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Heritage Award

Recognizes an individual Calgarian who has made a sustained and extraordinary contribution, either as a volunteer or professional, to the promotion of awareness and/or preservation of Calgary's heritage in the areas of built heritage, archaeology, culture, education or advocacy.

Recipient – Lorne G. Simpson

For the past twenty years, Lorne Simpson has been active in the heritage community in Alberta. Among his most significant Calgary projects are such landmarks as Lougheed House, Stephen Avenue Mall Redevelopment, The Palace Theatre and Heritage Hall at SAIT Polytechnic just to name a few.

As a practicing restoration architect, Mr. Simpson has also shared his expertise by contributing to the literature of conservation and restoration of early 20th century Calgary buildings, construction techniques and materials.

A member of numerous architectural associations and recipient of an Alberta Centennial medal, he has a well-earned and well-deserved reputation in the heritage community as “**the father of preservation**”. Virtually no articles on preservation are written without a quote from Lorne or reference to his opinion.

Youth Award

This award goes to an individual Calgarian, 18 years old or younger on December 31, 2007, whose exceptional achievements have brought recognition to or improved the quality of life in Calgary. The focus is on volunteer and community contributions, not academic achievement.

Recipient – Jane Wu

An incredibly motivated Grade 12 student, Jane Wu wants to help other young women pursue careers in what was once an all male-dominated field such as sciences and engineering. She herself is hoping to study business and engineering at a post secondary school in Calgary or Ontario.

While carrying a heavy course load, she is active in her high school as a member of the Speech Club, Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper, plays on the girls' field hockey team, plays oboe in the band and is on the committee to plan graduation activities.

Jane has been an integral part of Child and Youth Friendly Calgary for the last two years co-chairing the Mayor's Youth Council and was the lead on a Youth Driver Safety Project. She has also volunteered her time and energy with the United Way Youth Traxx

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Committee, Junior Achievement, is the student representative on the Calgary Chinese Painting Association Board of Directors and tutors math.

Jane's dedication, reliability and leadership skills recently earned her the role of Chair of the Calgary Youth Foundation, a position that has not existed previously.

Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement Award

Honours an individual Calgarian who, over the past 25 years or more, has made significant contributions to the community and has improved the quality of life for citizens or whose accomplishments have brought recognition to Calgary.

The award is named in honour of the lifetime achievements of Calgarian Dr. Grant MacEwan — writer, environmentalist and politician. City Council created this award to commemorate Dr. MacEwan's 90th birthday in 1992.

Recipient – Roger Jackson

Roger Jackson is an athlete, educator, mentor and sports leader who has made remarkable contributions to sports development in Calgary, Canada and internationally. A three-time Olympic rower and a gold medalist at the 1964 Olympic Games, Mr. Jackson has used his passion for sport to build a Canadian sport structure to enhance the opportunities for future Olympic athletes to perform their best.

He was Dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology at the University of Calgary from 1978 to 1988. During his tenure, he attracted key faculty members, initiated graduate programs and raised \$80 million dollars for new facilities that included the Sport Medicine Centre in 1988. In recognition of his contributions, a new health research centre named the *Roger Jackson Centre for Health and Wellness Research* was opened in June 2005.

As one of the four original members of the Calgary Olympic Bid Committee, Roger served on the Board and Executive Committee of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games; and he also played a key role in the planning and design of the first covered indoor speed skating Oval in the world.

Roger has also served as President of Canadian Olympic Association, as well as Chair of Canadian Centre of Ethics in Sport.

In 2005, Dr. Jackson was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Own the Podium 2010, a \$110 million national sport technical initiative designed to help Canadian winter athletes win the most medals at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. He is also CEO of Podium Canada, a collective commitment to reach common performance targets for both summer and winter games. His leadership will provide tremendous assistance in the development of world-class programs geared for international podium success.

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While all of Dr. Jackson's awards are too numerous to mention – key ones include:

- being inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, the Olympic Hall of Fame,
- receiving the Canadian Olympic Order , Officer of the Order of Canada, the Vanier Award as 'Outstanding Young Canadian'
- Canadian Sport Volunteer of the Year and:
- recipient of Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's Outstanding Athlete

Besides his involvement in multiple sport capacities, Dr. Jackson has acted as chair of the Cantos Music Foundation, the Calgary International Organ Festival and the "Friends of the Flames" campaign.

For over thirty years, Dr. Jackson's contributions as an educator, mentor and sports leader has brought recognition and a reputation for excellence to Calgary locally, nationally and internationally.

Citizen of the Year

This award goes to an outstanding individual Calgarian who has made a recent extraordinary contribution that has improved the quality of life in Calgary or whose recent achievements have brought recognition to Calgary.

Recipient – Michael Tims

Michael Tims is called the quintessential Calgarian. A transformational leader. Mentor. And one of Calgary's rare Renaissance men.

To those accolades, he now adds 2007 Citizen of the Year.

Most recently, as chair of the United Way of Calgary and Area for 2007-2008, Mr. Tims' influence has been felt directly in the raising and investing of more than \$100 million in the community.

Those who have the privilege of working with him, say unanimously that Mr. Tims leads and inspires with intelligence and vision – and without fanfare. His impact on the economic and social well-being on the Calgary community is beyond calculation.

Indeed, for more than six years, Mr. Tims has served the United Way, not only as chair and vice chair, but on almost every leadership committee. His skill, charisma and insight are cited as valuable characteristics during a time when the volunteer sector needs such leaders.

Mr. Tims is the chairman of Peters and Company Limited, a successful Canadian investment firm specializing in oil and gas, and oilfield services industries.

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He earned a bachelor of commerce degree, with distinction, from the University of Calgary in 1976 and his MBA at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration in 1978.

Since then his educational background and leadership skills have benefitted numerous organizations. Currently, to name just a few, he is a member of the Management Advisory Council, Haskayne School of Business, a trustee of the University of Calgary Foundation, and co-chair of the Financial Stability Committee of the Poverty Reduction Coalition.

Mr. Tims was a member of the Federal Government's Wise Person's Committee, past chair and chair of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada, past chair of West Island College and has been involved in dozens of other community, educational and charitable organizations.

His peers say that in any capacity – as volunteer, a parent, a fundraiser, a leader – he performs his role with sincerity and the good of the community at the forefront.

It is why people want to be part of Michael Tims' world.