

Lac La Biche County *Policy*

TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

POLICY NO: ENV-62-013

RESOLUTION: 20.1061

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2020

DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Environmental Services

NEXT REVIEW DATE: December 1, 2023

POLICY STATEMENT:

This award recognizes an individual or group that has made contributions towards Protecting, Preserving or Enhancing the Natural Environment in our municipality. This award encourages our community members to become stewards of the environment through responsible planning and management of Natural Resources.

DEFINITIONS:

- **“Award”** shall mean a prize and mark of recognition given in honor of achievement.
- **“Protecting”** shall mean to defend from damage, destruction, or exposure.
- **“Preserving”** shall mean to maintain in its original or existing state
- **“Enhancing”** shall mean to increase or improve the quality, value or extent of.
- **“Natural Environment”** shall mean all that is living and non-living, occurring in naturally.
- **“Natural Resources”** shall mean materials and other assets such as water, minerals, forests and fertile land that occur in nature and can be used for economic gain by a person or organization.

PRINCIPLES:

Lac La Biche County is committed to providing the Environmental Stewardship Awards to promote residents to strive for protection and sustainable use of the valuable natural assets our citizens and visitors enjoy.

The Environmental Stewardship Awards promote responsible use and protection of our natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices. Environmental Stewardship is a responsibility shared by all of those whose actions affect the environment.

Administration shall establish procedures for this policy and shall be responsible to ensure the intent of the policy and guiding principles.

"Original Signed"
Chief Administrative Officer

December 14, 2020
Date

"Original Signed"
Mayor

December 15, 2020
Date

SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE: Procedure ENV-62-013

AMENDMENT DATE:

Procedure

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DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Environmental Services

NEXT REVIEW DATE: December 1, 2027

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

This award recognizes an individual or group that has made contributions towards protecting, preserving or enhancing the natural environment in our municipality. These awards encourage our community members to become stewards of the environment and take a closer look at their operations. Such dedication helps increase environmental awareness, municipal beautification, and civic pride in the community.

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- **“Scope”** shall mean the extent of the stewardship actions and quantification of the impacts.
- **“Significance”** shall mean the quality of the stewardship actions and the impacts.
- **“Innovation”** shall mean how new the method or idea is.
- **“Sustainability”** shall mean if the stewardship actions are able to be maintained for future generations without exhausting natural resources or causing damage.
- **“Long-term Benefits”** shall mean how long the impacts of the stewardship actions will be present.
- **“Historical Efforts”** shall mean if there was any prior work completed for the stewardship actions.

PROCEDURE:

1. Individuals or groups will be nominated by residents of Lac La Biche County. The award will recognize an individual or group that has made contributions towards protecting, preserving or enhancing the natural environment in our municipality.
2. The following criteria will be used by Lac La Biche County’s Corporate Green Team for assessing nominees’ actions and will each be rated on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the best:

Criteria	Scoring
Scope	1 (small scope) – 5 (large scope)
Significance	1 (low quality) – 5 (high quality)
Innovation	1 (low innovation) – 5 (high innovation)
Sustainability	1 (low sustainability) – 5 (high sustainability)
Long-term Benefits	1 (daily benefits) – 5 (yearly benefits)
Historical Efforts	1 (no historical efforts) – 5 (high historical efforts)

3. One award will be presented to each of the three categories every year:
 - Community (Includes individuals, businesses, and organizations)
 - Youth
 - Agriculture
4. Advertising for nominations will commence in the month of January with a deadline of May 1st for nominations to be submitted. Awards will then be presented during Environment Week in June each year.
5. Individuals or groups that have previously been honoured as an award recipient may, after a period of five years, be eligible for the award again.
6. Program organization and all nominations are to be administered by Lac La Biche County. Lac La Biche County’s Corporate Green Team will be responsible for scoring each nomination and deciding on winners for each category.
7. Awards shall be presented to recipients in the form of a framed certificate detailing their award plus a cash prize of \$500.
8. To publicize the award and acknowledge the success of the applicant, the recipient(s) of the Environmental Stewardship Award will have their picture and biography displayed in the County’s newsletter and in local newspaper.
9. Examples of actions that may be considered include establishing a recycling/waste reduction initiative, developing educational stewardship programs, retrofitting facilities for energy efficiency, implementing sustainable agricultural practices (i.e. reducing fertilizer usage), etc.

"Original Signed"

Chief Administrative Officer

April 9, 2024

Date

SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE: ENV-62-013-Environmental Stewardship Policy

AMENDMENT DATE: April 9, 2024

Environmental Stewardship Awards

Nomination Form

Lac La Biche County is committed to providing the Environmental Stewardship Awards to promote residents to strive for protection and sustainable use of the valuable natural assets our citizens and visitors enjoy.

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Any personal information collected on this nomination form will be used solely for Lac La Biche County's Environmental Stewardship Award Nomination Process. This information will not be released to any third parties, retained or collected for any other purpose. Any Lac La Biche County resident may submit a nomination, including oneself. Please use one form for each nomination submission.

Completed nomination forms can be submitted to: green@laclabichedcounty.com or dropped off at one of our office locations.

For further information please contact green@laclabichedcounty.com or call 780-623-6739

Award Nominee:

Name: _____

Organization Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Award Category (choose one):

Community

Youth

Agriculture

