

## ALBERTA PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION AWARD

### Issue

The Town of Okotoks has received the Alberta Public Works Association's "Project of the Year" Award for the newly constructed Operations Centre.

### Motion Proposed by Administration

n/a

Jeanette Austin, Executive Director, Alberta Public Works Association, will be in attendance to present the award to Council.

### Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

Public works is defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, and similar public services in accordance with established public policy.

To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been "substantially completed" and available for public and/or agency use within two calendar years prior to nomination. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then "substantially completed" will be construed as that point when the final phase or segment is 90% completed and available for public and/or agency use.

A project may only be nominated once for recognition as "Project of the Year" under any category.

Criteria to be used in the selection process include:

1. Use of good construction management techniques and completion of the project on schedule.
2. Safety performance and demonstrated awareness of the need for a good overall safety program during construction.
3. Community relations as evidenced by efforts to minimize public inconvenience due to construction, safety precautions to protect public lives and property, provision of observation areas, guided tours, or other means of improving relations between the agency and the public.
4. Demonstrated awareness for the need to protect the environment during the project. This includes any special considerations given to particular environmental concerns raised during the course of the project.
5. Unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions including, but not limited to age or condition of the facility, adverse weather, soil or other site conditions over which there is no control.
6. Additional conditions deemed of importance to the public works agency, such as exceptional efforts to maintain quality control and, if value engineering is used, construction innovations as evidenced by time and/or money-saving techniques developed and/or successfully utilized.
7. Use of sustainable infrastructure rating system or the equivalent (such as the Envision rating system) to ensure project is sustainable.

The Project of the Year Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners. The factor that led to the Committee awarding the title to the Town of Okotoks was the Town's commitment to Environmental Stewardship and progression towards LEED Certification.

During the Alberta Public Works Association's Annual Awards Luncheon, held October 4, 2017, Administration was presented with the Project of the Year award for the newly constructed Operations Centre.

**Strategic Plan Goals**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Manage Community Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide Strong Governance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provide Quality Community Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Community
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maintain Organizational Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Economic Vitality
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Promote Environmental Stewardship

**Governing Policies/Bylaws/Legislation or Agreements**

n/a

**Public Engagement/Communication Strategy**

n/a

**Alternatives for Consideration**

n/a

**CAO Comments**

n/a

**Attachment(s)**

n/a

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