



## BCRPA Provincial Award Nomination Reference Guide for Parks Excellence

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BC Recreation and Parks Association is pleased to host an annual Awards program that recognizes outstanding special events, programs, facilities, parks, and dedicated individuals whose ideas, innovation, and services make an impact in the recreation and parks sector.

The **Parks Excellence** award recognizes outstanding design and development of park spaces using natural elements or repurposing materials. The park space reflects community culture, which is accessible to all patrons, and encourages individuals and communities to get out into nature. The park positively impacts the well-being of the community and the recreation and parks sector.

**The deadline for nominations is: 11:59 PM, Friday, February 25, 2022**

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Either the **nominator** or **applicant** must be a BCRPA member.
2. The Nominee (the Park) must be owned and operated by a currently enrolled Local Government, Affiliate, or Corporate Member.
3. The **park** must have been in existence for a **minimum** of one year.

### In addition to the questions listed below, you will be asked to provide:

- Contact information and BCRPA Membership status of the Nominator / Applicant
- Contact information and BCRPA Membership status for the Nominee
- **Upload 3 to 5 high resolution images** (300 dpi in jpg, png, tiff or eps format - maximum file size of 10 MB each)
- **Submit two (2) Letters of Impact\***, each not to exceed **2 pages** (pdf or .docx files - maximum file size of 10 MB each)
  - One letter of impact must be **from a participating citizen/community member**
  - One letter of impact must be **from a community partner**
- You will also be asked to complete a **photography release form** (to be completed by the copyright holder) and an **application release form**. Both forms are integrated into the online nomination form.

**Submit your Parks Excellence nomination online at:**

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6645630/2022-Nomination-Form-for-Parks-Excellence>

**If you have any questions, please contact the 2022 Provincial Awards Review Committee, c/o Connie Mah, Administrator, [by email](#).**



## Parks Excellence Application Questions

### 1. Describe the park. *Word limit: 600*

- How does the park fill a gap or address an anticipated need in the community?
- How does the design and development of the park incorporate the community culture?
- How accessible is the park to the community (e.g. by active-transportation, by multiple modes of transportation)?
- How does the park remove barriers in order to be accessible to all abilities, ages, genders, cultures, etc. as they may relate to this project?

### 2. Describe the park features. *Word limit: 600*

- How is the design of the park creative or innovative in addressing the identified need(s)?
- How does the park protect the environment and cultivate rehabilitation?
- How were residents and stakeholders engaged to provide community-based input?
- Describe what environmental practices were considered in the design and construction of the park (e.g. use of natural elements, repurposing materials or space)? Please provide specific examples where possible.

### 3. Describe the overall reach and impact that the park has had on the community.

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- What is the impact of the park on health and wellness, and social well-being of the community?
- Who does the park reach outside the immediate jurisdiction or target population?
- Describe how the park reflects the community: what are the demographics of people who use the park the most; how does it provide an opportunity for community connections?

### 4. What were the lessons learned during the park design, construction and implementation?

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