



CPRA Awards Program

2021

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association launched the CPRA Awards Program in January 2014, with two awards (*CPRA Award of Merit* and *CPRA President's Award of Distinction*), which nationally recognize individuals who have demonstrated a high level of commitment, passion and leadership in the parks and recreation sector. In 2015, the *CPRA Partnership Award* was created to recognize sector partners (organizations / corporations) who have demonstrated a supportive commitment to the parks and recreation sector through their partnership and collaboration with CPRA and/or its P/T membership.

In 2018, CPRA launched a new opportunity for recognition; the *CPRA Emerging Leader Award*. This award was created to acknowledge a young Canadian who has demonstrated a commitment to the parks and recreation sector by contributing to a municipal, regional, provincial/territorial or national success.

CPRA Awards Program Objectives: The CPRA Awards Program provides an opportunity to showcase the parks and recreation sector on a national scale. This Program raises the awareness and profile of CPRA in the provinces and territories; while at the same time recognizes the connection between the local parks and recreation professionals / practitioners to the national work being undertaken by CPRA. Together we are striving to move the parks and recreation agenda forward. The CPRA Awards Program celebrates our collective and collaborative efforts.

The CPRA Awards Program recognizes the following:

- **CPRA Award of Merit** - Efforts of individuals/organizations/community groups/ corporations in each province and territory who have influenced the parks and recreation sector in a local, regional and/or national capacity;
- **CPRA President's Award of Distinction** - Long-term service and commitment of individuals to the parks and recreation sector on a national scale in Canada;
- **CPRA Partnership Award** - Sector partners (organizations/corporations/governments) whose collaboration, creativity, and innovation, enriches individual health and community well-being and enhances the parks and recreation community in Canada.

- **CPRA Emerging Leader Award** - The importance of supporting and celebrating young Canadians, as they are the future leaders of the parks and recreation sector.

Nominators must be Members of CPRA. Nominees are not required to be members of CPRA P/T member organizations.

For more information on the CPRA Awards Program, please contact info@cpra.ca

2021 CPRA Awards Categories and Selection Criteria

CPRA Award of Merit

The CPRA Award of Merit will provide national recognition to an individual/organization/community group/corporation for an outstanding contribution in the parks and recreation sector in each province and territory. The nominee will have contributed to a municipal, regional, provincial/territorial or national success in the sector. This achievement will have contributed to the advancement of parks and recreation regionally and/or nationally.

Eligibility

Individuals, organizations, community groups, corporations (including municipalities, and provincial/territorial government departments)

Selection Guidelines

- The nominee will have had a significant leadership role in an outstanding achievement in the sphere of parks and recreation.
- The nominee will have contributed to a municipal, regional or provincial/territorial or national success in the sector.
- The nominee's work will be an outstanding contribution that is above the ordinary and done in the spirit of contributing to the public good.

The CPRA Award of Merit can be awarded in each province and territory (up to 13 awards) each year, and presented at the respective P/T Association AGM and Conference, or an event of the P/T's choosing.

(Note: Recognition and presentation of the award on an annual basis is at the discretion of the CPRA Board of Directors)

Nomination Process

1. Each P/T Member of CPRA can recommend one recipient from their region for a CPRA Award of Merit each year.

2. If the P/T Member chooses to recommend a recipient, they must provide (by email) the following to the CPRA Awards Committee:
 - Completed nomination form (see attached);
 - A summary of 750 words or less describing the following:
 - How the individual/organization/community group/corporation has demonstrated a contribution to the advancement of parks and recreation regionally, provincially/territorially and/or nationally;
 - How the contribution has provided or will provide a long-term improvement for public benefit;
 - How the individual/organization/community group/corporation has shown outstanding contributions above the ordinary.
 - Two letters of support (i.e. from supervisors, staff, community);
 - Supporting materials (newspaper articles, special documents).

Submit nomination form and supplementary information to the attention of the CPRA Awards Committee at info@cpra.ca.

Submission Deadline:

Submissions will be accepted **throughout 2021**. P/Ts are requested to submit nominations to allow for **6–8 weeks** of processing time before the award will be presented at their respective P/T Association Annual Conferences or other event.

CPRA President's Award of Distinction

The CPRA President's Award of Distinction will recognize the exceptional contributions or long-term commitment of an individual who has worked towards the advancement of the parks and recreation agenda on a national level. This recipient will have shown excellent leadership and long lasting dedication to the parks and recreation sector on a national scale.

There can be one recipient per year of this award.

Eligibility

Individuals that have demonstrated a sustained commitment to the parks and recreation sector in Canada.

Selection Guidelines

- The nominee will have had a sustained leadership role in outstanding achievements and contributions in the national sphere of parks and recreation.
- The nominee's achievements will have made a significant and distinct contribution to the advancement of parks and recreation nationally.
- The nominee's work will be an outstanding contribution that is above the ordinary and done in the spirit of contributing to the public good.
- The nominee will have demonstrated sustained and committed effort in the enhancement of the parks and recreation sector.
- The nominee will have made a significant national contribution to the advancement of the parks and recreation agenda.

(Note: Recognition and presentation of the award on an annual basis is at the discretion of the CPRA Board of Directors)

Nomination Process

1. Each P/T Member of CPRA has the option to recommend one or more nominees for the CPRA President's Award of Distinction.
2. If the P/T Member chooses to recommend a nominee, they must provide (by email) the following to the CPRA Awards Sub-Committee:
 - Completed nomination form (see attached);
 - Nomination statement of 250 words or less;
 - A summary of 750 words or less describing the following:
 - How the individual has demonstrated leadership on a national level;
 - How the contribution has or will demonstrate impact for public benefit;
 - How the individual has demonstrated meritorious achievement;
 - How the individual has shown outstanding contributions above the ordinary.
 - Two letters of support (i.e. from the supervisors, staff, community);
 - Supporting materials (newspaper articles, special documents).

The nominee may be a CPRA Award of Merit recipient (past or present, same calendar year), but the full nomination documentation must be resubmitted based on criteria as outlined above.

Submit nomination form and supplementary information to the attention of the CPRA Awards Committee at info@cpra.ca.

Submission Deadlines

January 2021 – Call for Nominations for President’s Award of Distinction

March 31, 2021 – Close of Nominations for Award of Distinction

April 2021 – CPRA Awards Committee review nominations and prepare recommendation for Award of Distinction

May 2021 – CPRA Awards Sub-Committee present recommendation for Award of Distinction to CPRA Board for Approval

Summer/Fall 2021 – Award of Distinction Presentation – Location TBC

CPRA Partnership Award

CPRA Partnership Award will recognize national/provincial/territorial sector partners whose collaboration, creativity, and innovation, enriches individual health and community well-being and enhances the parks and recreation community in Canada.

There can be one recipient per year of this award.

Eligibility

Corporations, organizations and/or governments, that have demonstrated a supportive commitment to the parks and recreation sector **nationally through their partnership and collaboration with CPRA, and/or a P/T Member leading a CPRA initiative.**

Selection Guidelines

- The nominee has collaborated with CPRA and/or its P/T Members in the last calendar year
- The nominee has made a significant supportive contribution to the advancement of the parks and recreation sector on a national level in Canada.
- The nominee's achievements and partnerships with the parks and recreation sector have promoted the community health and well-being of Canadians.

(Note: Recognition and presentation of the award on an annual basis is at the discretion of the CPRA Board of Directors)

Nomination Process

1. Each P/T Member of CPRA has the opportunity to recommend one or more nominees for the CPRA Partnership Award
2. If the P/T Member chooses to recommend a nominee, they must provide (by email) the following to the CPRA Awards Sub-Committee:
 - Completed nomination form (see attached);
 - Nomination statement of 250 words or less;
 - A summary of 750 words or less describing the following:
 - How the organization/corporation has demonstrated partnership and collaboration with CPRA and/or the P/T Member Associations;
 - How the contribution has or will demonstrate enhancement of the parks and recreation sector;
 - How the organization/corporation has demonstrated supportive achievement.
 - Two letters of support;
 - Supporting materials (newspaper articles, special documents).

Submit nomination form and supplementary information to the attention of the CPRA Awards Committee at info@cpra.ca.

Submission Deadlines

January 2021 – Call for Nominations for CPRA Partnership Award

March 31, 2021 – Close of Nominations for Partnership Award

April 2021 – CPRA Awards Sub-Committee reviews nominations and prepares recommendation for the CPRA Board

May/June 2021 – CPRA Awards Sub-Committee brings forward recommendation for Partnership Award to CPRA Board for Approval

Summer/Fall 2021– CPRA Partnership Award presentation - Location TBC

CPRA Emerging Leader Award

The CPRA Emerging Leader Award recognizes the importance of supporting and celebrating young Canadians, as they are the future leaders of the parks and recreation sector. This Award will provide national recognition to an emerging leader in the field of parks and recreation who has made a valued contribution to the sector. The nominee will have contributed to a municipal, regional, provincial/territorial or national success in the spirit of contributing to the public good.

There can be up to one recipient per year of this award.

Eligibility

Individuals aged 30 years and under that have demonstrated a commitment to the parks and recreation sector through their participation with CPRA, and/or a P/T Member.

Selection Guidelines

- The nominee has been involved and engaged with CPRA and/or its P/T Members in the last calendar year
- The nominee will have contributed to an achievement, whether it is at a municipal, regional, provincial/territorial or national level, in the parks and recreation sector.
- The nominee will have worked in the parks and recreation sector between 1- 5 years.

(Note: Recognition and presentation of the award on an annual basis is at the discretion of the CPRA Board of Directors)

Nomination Process

1. Each P/T Member of CPRA has the opportunity to recommend one or more nominees for the CPRA Emerging Leader Award each year.
2. If the P/T Member chooses to recommend a recipient, they must provide (by email) the following to the CPRA Awards Committee:
 - Completed nomination form (see attached);
 - A summary of 750 words or less describing the following:
 - How the individual contributed to the advancement of parks and recreation locally, provincially/ territorially and/or nationally;
 - How the contribution has provided or will provide an impact or benefit in the field of parks and recreation;
 - How the individual has demonstrated the spirit of contributing to the public good.
 - Two letters of support (i.e. from supervisors, staff, community);
 - Supporting materials (newspaper articles, special documents).

Submit nomination form and supplementary information to the attention of the CPRA Awards Committee at info@cpra.ca.

Submission Deadlines

January 2021 – Call for Nominations for CPRA Emerging Leader Award

March 31, 2021 – Close of Nominations for the Emerging Leader Award

April 2021 – CPRA Awards Sub-Committee reviews nominations and prepares recommendation for the CPRA Board

May/June 2021 – CPRA Awards Sub-Committee brings forward recommendation for the Emerging Leader Award to CPRA Board for Approval

Summer/Fall 2021– CPRA Emerging Leader Award presentation - Location TBC

CPRA AWARD NOMINATION FORM

AWARDS CATEGORY	
<input type="checkbox"/> CPRA Award of Merit	<input type="checkbox"/> CPRA President's Award of Distinction
<input type="checkbox"/> CPRA Partnership Award	<input type="checkbox"/> CPRA Emerging Leader Award

NOMINEE'S/APPLICANT'S INFORMATION		
First Name	Last Name	
Organization		
Title		
Complete Mailing Address		
City	Province/Territory	Postal Code
Work Phone Number ()	Alternate Phone Number ()	
Email Address		

NOMINATED BY *Nominator must be a member of CPRA			
First Name	Last Name		
Organization			
Title			
Complete Mailing Address			
City	Province/Territory	Postal Code	
Work Phone Number ()	Alternate Phone Number ()	Fax Number ()	
Email Address	CPRA Membership Affiliation		
Signature	Date		

The CPRA Board of Directors reserves the right to withhold an award if there are no qualified candidates. The decisions of the CPRA Awards Sub-Committee and Board of Directors are final. Nominees are eligible for re-nomination in subsequent years. An updated nomination form must be re-submitted. We regret that CPRA cannot accept submissions after the deadline. No entries will be returned. CPRA reserves the right to use the entries in the awards presentation program and for exhibit or display.