



Blue Skies Awards

The Blue Skies Awards recognize individuals and organizations taking exemplary action to improve air quality in the PAMZ region. The awards recognize achievements in:

- Innovation and application of technology to reduce energy use and air pollution;
- Environmental protection activities that reduce air pollution, conserve energy or protect environmental health;
- Public education and outreach activities that reduce air pollution to protect and promote a healthy environment.

Eligibility:

Individuals, businesses, educational institutions, local government agencies and not-for-profit organizations whose exemplary actions take place in the PAMZ region are eligible, and may be nominated themselves or others.

Nomination Process:

Nominations must be submitted to info@pamz.org by midnight on Friday, April 20, 2018.

Please describe:

- What the nominee initiated, developed, implemented or managed that made a positive contribution to improved air quality (300 words maximum);
- Why you believe the nominee deserves this award (300 words maximum);
- Resulting benefits or expected benefits to the environment (300 words maximum);
- Levels of participation and awareness by others in the community (300 words maximum);
- Demonstration of leadership, creativity, innovation and social responsibility (300 words maximum).

Include at least two letters of reference. One letter can be from the nominator, if the nominator is not also the nominee.

You may also include samples of the initiative, if available such as pictures, videos, reports, etc.

Selection of Recipients

The PAMZ Selection Committee will award recipients based on the information submitted. The number of recipients selected is left to the discretion of the PAMZ Selection Committee.

For more information, contact Justine Gardner at justine@pamz.org.

2016 Winners:

Terry Krause was recognized as an outstanding role model with a 2016 Blue Skies Award. Terry has embarked on a personal journey to live an environmentally responsible lifestyle on a 2.5-acre lot just outside of Red Deer. He has broken with convention to create a home and garden that minimize his environmental footprint. By incorporating things like high efficiency hydronic heating, insulated external roll shutters over large windows, and a 4 kWh grid-tied solar system which provides 130% of his annual electricity needs, Terry has shown how the commitment of one individual can reduce emissions into the environment.

Red Deer Public and Catholic School Divisions were recognized with a 2016 Blue Skies award for promoting the Idle Free Program in their respective schools. By February 2016, all 38 Red Deer schools sites throughout both Divisions were established as Idle Free. All schools have established themselves as idle free zones, and continue to promote the importance of being idle free to drivers in their school communities.

Border Paving received a 2016 Blue Skies Award for its 74.88 kW solar installation, which generated 82 MWh of electricity and reduced GHG emissions by 51 tonnes in 2015. Border Paving recognized that their business is carbon and emissions intense, and wanted to demonstrate leadership by generating clean solar power from their rooftop. This is the largest private solar installation in Red Deer, spearheaded by the company and developed without grants or incentives from government.

Ferus Inc. received a 2016 Blue Skies Award for increasing transportation options by investing in liquefied natural gas (LNG) and compressed natural gas (CNG) infrastructure throughout Alberta to help industry transition away from diesel. By reducing diesel fuel use in heavy duty applications, Ferus helps prevent many forms of pollution including ozone. Reducing diesel pollution, especially fine particulate matter and its precursors, will positively affect human health. Ferus is also walking the talk by converting their own fleet to operate with natural gas.



Blue Skies Awards Nomination Form

Nominator:

Contact Name: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Nominee:

Contact Name: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Is the nominee aware of the nomination? _____

Include at least two letters of reference. One letter can be from the nominator, if the nominator is not also the nominee.

You may also include samples of the initiative, if available such as website links, pictures, videos, reports, etc. Please be specific and concise (use of bullets)

Please forward completed nomination form to info@pamz.org by midnight on Friday, April 20, 2018.

Please describe what the nominee initiated, developed, implemented or managed that made a positive contribution to improved air quality (300 words maximum).

Please describe why you believe the nominee deserves this award (300 words maximum).

Please describe the resulting benefits or expected benefits to the environment, as a result of the nominee's initiative(s) (300 words maximum).

Please describe the nominee's level of participation and awareness by others in the community (300 words maximum).

Please describe the nominee's demonstration of leadership, creativity, innovation and social responsibility (300 words maximum).