



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 nominate themselves or be nominated by others.

Nomination Process:

Nominations must be submitted to info@pamz.org by midnight on Friday, April 24, 2020.

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. Award recipients will be notified of their selection by May 8, 2020. Award ceremony will be held Wednesday, June 3, 2020 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Kerry Wood Nature Centre in Red Deer.

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

2018 Winners:

Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Program– The Counties of Mountain View, Red Deer and Lacombe operate ALUS programs in partnership with ALUS Canada. The ALUS program supports farmers and ranchers who adopt beneficial land stewardship practices on marginal agricultural lands, which enhances natural ecosystems. The program helps farmers and ranchers to produce cleaner air in concert with a range of ecosystem services, including cleaner water, more biodiversity, and flood and drought mitigation.

Developments 2 Inc. Timberlands Market Project–This retail mall development is an industry leader in environmental practices, including several that support clean air within the PAMZ region. Through an investment in solar energy using solar panels, a focus on encouraging pedestrian traffic and green operating guidelines for tenants, the project has created a visible leading example of sustainable development with a focus on reducing environmental impact..

NOVA Chemicals – As part of NOVA Chemicals' commitment to sustainability and continuous improvement in their operations, in 2014 they initiated a Furnace Refurbishment Project related to the Ethylene 2 manufacturing facility at the NOVA Chemicals Joffre Site. The goal for this project is to achieve a 30%-40% reduction in nitrogen oxides emissions. 5 of 11 furnaces have now been refurbished with 4 of the remaining 6 scheduled for completion by 2021.

Visit www.pamz.org/blue-skies for information on the 2016 winners.



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 24, 2020.

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).