



Nomination Procedures

The City of Medicine Hat's Community Spirit Awards, formerly called the Civic Recognition Awards, are awarded to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Medicine Hat community.

Nominees are selected based on their dedication, activities, and/or accomplishments that have notably enriched the quality of life in the area. The Mayor presents the awards at a ceremony held biennially.

The City of Medicine Hat has the authority to bestow these awards upon either individuals or groups of individuals who have made remarkable contributions in the various categories.

Arts/Culture

- Development or support of cultural activities, including visual, performing arts in a volunteer or professional capacity

Civic Pride

- Promotion of our distinctive quality of life to our citizens and the world

Community Inclusion

- Support of others to have an ability and capacity to participate fully, to contribute to one's community to the fullest extent possible, and to have value attached to one's participation and contribution

Compassion

- Demonstrating care and concern to promote the health and well-being of others

Environment

- Preservation, restoration or enhancement of our natural environment

Sports/Recreation

- Development or support of recreational, physical, leisure activities or organized competition events in a volunteer or professional capacity

Volunteerism

- Giving one's time, talents or knowledge for the betterment of others and the community

Nominations for the **Awards of Excellence** will also be presented at the gala event in October at the Esplanade Theatre.

Heart of Medicine Hat

- For an individual, organization or business who, outside of their core business, has made a major contribution to enhance the quality of life in Medicine Hat in a variety of areas for a minimum of 15 years.

Change Maker

- For an individual, organization or business who, outside of their core business, has made a major contribution to enhance the quality of life in Medicine Hat in the past five years through innovation, advocacy or leadership through social, economic or urban development.

The Community Spirit Awards also include an ongoing **Awards of Achievement** category, reserved to recognize individuals or teams in two categories:

Arts/Culture

- For an individual or team in an amateur or professional competition who has competed in a provincial championship and who has placed first, or in a national and/or international championship and who has placed first, second or third in that competition.

Sports/Recreation

- For an individual or team in an amateur or professional competition who has competed in a provincial championship and who has placed first, or in a national and/or international championship and who has placed first, second or third in that competition.

These nominations will be accepted and awards will be given throughout the year.

*Nominations in any category may be made posthumously.
One nominator is required for each nominee.
The nominee must be aware of the nomination and sign the application form.
Applications may be submitted electronically or by hard copy.*

All applications must include the following:

- A completed Community Spirit Awards nomination form
- A letter of support from the nominator (2 pages maximum)
- A brief biography / resume of the nominee (3 pages maximum)
- A high-quality digital image of the nominee (required)
- Any additional information that supports the application, including additional letters of support

Applications and supporting documentation should not exceed 10 pages, including the nomination form. Failure to include the above, or exceed the page limit, may disqualify your application.

Send applications by mail or drop off in person to:

- 2023 Community Spirit Awards
c/o Corporate Communications
City Hall
580 First Street SE
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8E6
- Via email to corpcomm@medicinehat.ca
(PDF format with the subject heading *2023 Community Spirit Awards*)

Terms & Conditions

Nominees may be residents of Redcliff or the County of Cypress, as long as the extraordinary contribution(s) upon which the nomination is based, benefited the residents of Medicine Hat.

Applications will be reviewed and assessed on the basis of the information provided to the Selection Committee, made up of representatives from the Community Vibrancy Board and the Councillor for Civic Functions.

The Selection Committee and/or City Council may choose NOT to select an award winner in a category if there are no appropriate nominees.

All applications become the property of the City of Medicine Hat and information included in the successful applications will be made public. Applications must be received by the deadline date of **Friday, June 2, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.** Late applications will not be accepted.

The Awards will be presented at a Ceremony to be held Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at The Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre. Nominators, as well as the selected award recipients, will be advised as to the outcome of their applications.

For more information, please contact:

Kelli Ireland
Corporate Communications
City of Medicine Hat
kelire@medicinehat.ca