

# 2017 MINISTER'S AWARDS FOR MUNICIPAL EXCELLENCE

## INNOVATION AWARD – SUBMISSION FORM

Submissions to the Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence are evaluated based on the information provided in this form. The submissions are evaluated by a Review Committee comprised of representatives from the AUMA, AAMDC, LGAA, ARMAA, SLGM, and GFOA.

The Review Committee is interested in how well the submitted practice has been planned, communicated, organized, implemented and managed. Information about the improvements experienced using the practice is very important as evidence of the success of the practice in achieving the stated goals. Submissions must demonstrate that the practice has been in place for a sufficient length of time to produce verifiable results.

For the **Innovation** category, submissions will be evaluated on how well they align with and/or demonstrate the following:

- **creative solutions** for providing improved services, governance, productivity, or conditions in the community
- Initiatives or policies that **identify goals, benefits and demonstrated improvement** are especially significant.

**NOTE:** Points will be awarded for the degree of difficulty relative to available resources, scope of innovation and level of collaboration amongst partners as relevant

In addition to the specific evaluation criteria for this category, each submission is also evaluated on the following qualities:

- **Sustainability** - viability of the practice in the long run and documentation of efforts to evolve and improve the practice over time.
- **Relevance** – suitability of the practice to the local conditions, size of municipality and available resources
- **Transferability** - effect the practice has or could have on local government throughout the province and the effort expended in order to assist other municipalities in understanding and implementing the practice.
- **Quality of submission** - clarity, logic and completeness of practice document and supporting materials



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## General Information

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Name of Practice	
Name of Municipality	
Municipality Website	
Municipality Email	
Name of Contact Person	
Email of Contact Person	

## INTRODUCTION

What is the practice you are submitting (brief description)?

Why do you believe this municipal practice should be considered for a Municipal Excellence Award? Please briefly list the reasons.

How does this practice demonstrate innovation (i.e. what makes this different from other or similar practices)?

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What were the goals, objectives and/or desired outcome of implementing this practice? What need was this addressing in your organization or community?

## IMPLEMENTATION

What was the process you went through to implement this practice?

## EVALUATION

How have you evaluated your practice? Are statistics, data, or performance measures available?

How has your municipality benefited from this practice?

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## KEY LESSONS

What key lessons did you/your municipality learn as a result of implementing this practice in your community?

## ADVICE TO OTHERS

What advice would you give to another municipality that is considering adopting your practice? Is there anything you might have done differently?

## COMMENTS

Anything else you would like to mention about this practice?

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## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (optional)

Please attach electronic versions of the **ONE** or **TWO** documents you feel the Review Committee should be aware of in relation to your practice. List the names of those documents here.

1.

2.

Please email your completed submission by noon on **March 31, 2017** to [menet@gov.ab.ca](mailto:menet@gov.ab.ca).

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- *The Awards program is only open to submissions by municipalities.*
- *A practice may be submitted to one category only per Award year.*
- *A municipality may submit a maximum of two practices per Award year.*

*If you have any questions, please call (780) 427-2225 or toll free: 310-0000, or email [menet@gov.ab.ca](mailto:menet@gov.ab.ca)*

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