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# CPRA Awards Program

## 2023

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The CPRA Awards Program provides an opportunity to recognize and showcase leaders in the parks and recreation sector on a national scale. As we strive to move the parks and recreation agenda forward, the CPRA Awards Program celebrates our collective and collaborative efforts.

The CPRA National Awards Program recognizes the following:

- **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.

In previous years, award nominations were only accepted from a CPRA member (one of the provincial/territorial parks and recreation association). However, in 2022, CPRA opened up the award nomination process from any individual within the sector.

CPRA encourages you to consider nominating an individual or organization for one of these prestigious national awards. The nomination process is simple and fast.

### Award Nomination Timelines

January 9, 2023	Call for nominations for CPRA National Awards
March 31, 2023	Close of nominations for the CPRA National Awards
May 26, 2023	Confirmation of successful nominees

For more information on the CPRA Awards Program, please contact [awards@cpra.ca](mailto:awards@cpra.ca)

## 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 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 is 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.

### Nomination Process

1. You may recommend one or more nominees for the CPRA President's Award of Distinction.
2. If you choose to recommend a nominee, you must provide by email:
  - Completed nomination form (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).

Submit nomination form and supplementary information to the attention of the CPRA Awards Committee at [awards@cpra.ca](mailto:awards@cpra.ca)

## CPR Partnership Award

CPR 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 is 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 CPR, and/or a provincial/territorial member leading a CPR initiative.

### Selection Guidelines

- The nominee has collaborated with CPR and/or its 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.

### Nomination Process

1. You can recommend one or more nominees for the CPR Partnership Award
2. If you choose to recommend a nominee, you must provide by email:
  - 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 CPR and/or a member association.
    - 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).

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## 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 is 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 provincial/territorial member.

### Selection Guidelines

- The nominee has been involved and engaged with CPRA and/or its provincial/territorial 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.

### Nomination Process

1. You have the opportunity to recommend one or more nominees for the CPRA Emerging Leader Award each year.
2. If you choose to recommend a recipient, you must provide by email:
  - 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).

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