



April 30, 2018 - The Federation of PEI Municipalities presented two awards at its 61st annual meeting in Cornwall on Monday; one to an individual and one to a municipality. This year, the City of Charlottetown took home both honours.

Federation President MacDougall said "municipalities and individuals are doing a lot of great work across the province. It's nice for us to recognize those efforts."

Charlottetown City Councillor Terry Bernard was the recipient of the Bruce H. Yeo award. The award was established in memory of the Federation's first president, and is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to municipal government in Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Bernard is a long-serving councillor who has worked closely with community organizations to improve quality of life within the municipality. He has been an avid champion of active transportation and has collaborated with Cycling PEI to create a citywide grid of bike lanes in Charlottetown. This included a public education component to promote safety. His work benefits residents and visitors to the City and sets a positive example for others to follow.

The Municipal Achievement Award was presented to the City of Charlottetown. The Award recognizes municipalities that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to improving the quality of life of their residents.

The City of Charlottetown was recognized for its work on sustainability. In 2010, it adopted its first Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) after extensive community consultation. This was the beginning of its journey toward becoming a more sustainable city. The plan emphasized the four pillars of sustainability – environment, economy, society and culture.

The City then hired a Sustainability Officer and began implementing the plan. It undertook several initiatives, including providing sustainability micro-grants, planting over 18,000 trees, lighting the Confederation Trail and translating the City's welcome guide into five languages.

In 2016, the City began a community consultation process to update its Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. The new ICSP was adopted in 2017 and focuses on ten key themes of community sustainability: Water; Energy; Transportation; Food; Healthy Economy; Infrastructure and the Built Environment; People & Places; Arts, Culture and Heritage; Active Healthy Living; and Nature.

Since the City started down this path in 2010, one of the main areas of achievement has been energy efficiency. The City has also made huge strides in water conservation, and it made significant gains in community engagement and education around sustainability issues. The work being done brings people together and gets them working toward a collective goal.

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