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Dear Reeve Barry Kalinski and all Members of Council;

The Alberta Recreation & Parks Association (ARPA) is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for our [2025 awards](#), celebrating exceptional leadership and contributions in the recreation and parks sector across Alberta. We invite you to nominate outstanding individuals, organizations, or initiatives from your community for these prestigious recognitions.

The awards ceremony will take place during the President’s Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, as part of our annual [Conference and Energize Workshop](#). This special evening, attended by over 400 sector leaders, provides an opportunity to spotlight the efforts that make Alberta communities healthier, more active, and more vibrant.

The awards include the Lieutenant Governor’s (L.G.) Leadership for Active Communities Awards, which recognize the achievements of individuals and groups who are leading their communities to increase citizen participation in active living, recreation, and parks, resulting in healthier people and communities. This year, we have three L.G. Award categories:

- Collaborative Impact in the Community Leadership Award
- Elected Community Official Award
- Professional Leadership Award

We are honoured to anticipate the presence of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, who is expected to present these awards in person.

In addition to the Lieutenant Governor’s Awards, ARPA will also be presenting multiple awards including the A.V. Pettigrew Award, which recognizes a community or organization that has made a significant impact on improving the quality of life of their citizens through recreation and parks.

To view more details on each award and to complete our online nomination form, please visit the ARPA website at <https://arpaonline.ca/awards-scholarships/>. The deadline for award nominations is May 30th.

We look forward to recognizing and celebrating the hard work and dedication of individuals and groups who are making a difference in their communities and improving the lives of Albertans.

Yours sincerely,



Deb Comfort
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ARPA would like to acknowledge the First Nations, the Métis, and all of the people across Alberta who share a history and a deep connection with this land. We dedicate ourselves to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.