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Nova Scotia Municipal Government - Innovation Award

What is this award?

The Municipal InNOVAward is a biennial award that honours municipalities and villages which demonstrate excellence in the use of innovative approaches in the delivery of municipal programs and services. The award is sponsored by Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations (SNSMR) and will be administered by SNSMR with input from the Association of Municipal Administrators (AMA).

Who is eligible?

The award is open to any municipality or village in the Province of Nova Scotia. The municipality or village must apply to be considered for this award.

What type of innovation is eligible?

The term innovation is to be interpreted broadly to include any new, creative approaches for delivering municipal programs and services and includes:

- operating/maintenance programs for municipal services, such as those with respect to:
 - community service facilities,
 - fire protection,
 - police services,
 - roads,
 - recreation,
 - strategic & land use planning,
 - transit,
 - waste disposal,
 - water & wastewater systems, and
- municipal management practices.

How does one apply?

The municipality or village completes and submits the Application Form and an Innovation Description as outlined in the "Application Requirements".



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What criteria are used to judge an application for the award?

The key criteria used to evaluate an innovation are as follows:

- involves innovative features;
- provides tangible benefits to community residents such as cost savings to taxpayers; and/or local job creation;
- improves efficiency and effectiveness of public service delivery;
- makes effective use of non-traditional sources of revenue or financing;
- involves partnership(s).

More details about this and other important information related to the award application process are provided in the material entitled "Application Requirements".

Why enter the Municipal InNOVAward competition?

This award presents an excellent opportunity for municipalities/villages to showcase their innovations to their local residents and those in other jurisdictions. Award winners will have their innovation posted on the SNSMR website and will have the right to use the Municipal InNOVAward logo on all stationery and publications.

When will winner(s) be announced?

Award(s) will be presented at the UNSM (Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities) fall conference. Winner(s) will also be formally acknowledged at the AMA (Association of Municipal Administrators) fall conference.

Where is information about this Award available?

This Fact Sheet, the Application Form and the Application Requirements are available on the Internet, at the Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations (SNSMR) website, under Municipal Services, at www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/muns/awards

If you have questions you can e-mail your question to apaton@gov.ns.ca or call 424-7492.