



## POLICY C-AD25

**Awards of Excellence Program**

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to acknowledge and provide recognition to Parkland County residents who have distinguished themselves through significant achievements.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

Parkland County Council shall make award presentations to eligible County residents to acknowledge and recognize their outstanding achievements in Arts and Culture, Athletics, Agriculture, the 100-Year Agricultural Award, and Community Life through the Awards of Excellence Program.

**DEFINITIONS**

1. "Arts and Culture" refers to an artistic or cultural event including, but not limited to, fine arts, drama and dance, where distinctive placings are awarded, i.e., one first, second and third.
2. "Athletics" refers to an amateur athletic endeavor or competition which is recognized by a sanctioned provincial, national or international governing body and must award distinctive placings, i.e., one first, second and third.
3. "Agriculture" refers to an agricultural event or occurrence where distinctive placings are awarded, i.e. one first, second and third. Also included in this category is the Northlands Farm Family recipient as awarded to one Parkland County farm family in even numbered years.
4. "100 Year Agricultural Award" refers to the award presented to those farm families who have farmed, and continue to farm, in Parkland County for 100 years or longer.
5. "Community Life" refers to an outstanding individual (s) who has made a significant and/or lifetime contribution to the community which enhances the quality of life in Parkland County. Nominees may be recognized for a single action or for a contribution or achievement over an extended period of time.

**SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Parkland County residents who meet the required criteria for the Awards of Excellence Program.

**MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) oversees the implementation of the Awards of Excellence Program.

**STANDARDS**

1. Parkland County Council will present Awards of Excellence to eligible County residents at Council meetings throughout the year as recipients are nominated.
2. Parkland County will not formally recognize nominations as a result of competitions occurring within the school system and will refer these to their respective school boards for consideration.