



COUNCIL POLICY C-ES05

Sustainability Awards Program

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to recognize and celebrate Parkland County's residents, businesses, schools, agricultural producers and youth which have integrated measures that advance environmental sustainability in their lives and to celebrate initiatives that have had a major positive impact on Parkland County's environment.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County Council believes that the long-term viability of Parkland County can best be assured by adopting a more sustainable way of life. Parkland County's Council recognizes that becoming a sustainable community is a challenging proposition, and that doing so will require the concerted efforts of the County and other key segments of our community. Accordingly, Parkland County Council shall make award presentations to residents, businesses, youth, schools and agricultural producers to recognize their outstanding contributions to increasing Parkland County's sustainable livability.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Agricultural Producers" refers to individuals, families, and/or groups who are actively engaged in Parkland County's agricultural industry.
2. "Businesses" refers to for-profit entities located within Parkland County's borders.
3. "Residents" refers to individuals that have resided in or owned property in Parkland County for at least one (1) year.
4. "Schools" refers to educational institutions located within Parkland County, the City of Spruce Grove, and the Town of Stony Plain.
5. "Sustainability" refers to a condition in which nature is not subject to systematically increasing:
 - a. Concentrations of substances extracted from the Earth's crust (oil and mined minerals),
 - b. Concentrations of substances produced by society (synthetic substances),
 - c. Degradation by physical means (i.e. deforestation),
and in that society...
 - d. People are not subject to conditions that systematically undermine their ability to meet their own needs.
6. "Youth" refers to County residents aged between 18 and 30 years of age that have resided in the County for at least one (1) year or whose permanent address is located in Parkland County.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all County residents, businesses, youth, schools, and agricultural producers who meet the required criteria for the Sustainability Awards Program.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Environmental Services oversees the implementation of this policy. Parkland County's Environmental Advisory Committee is responsible for selecting winners for each award category.

STANDARDS

1. Parkland County Council will present Sustainability Awards to winners of each award category upon recommendations made by Parkland County's Environmental Advisory Committee.
2. Sustainability Awards are to be given annually during Environment Week.
3. Candidates may nominate themselves.