

BACKGROUNDER

2008 Emerald Awards Recipients

Business: Large

Recipient: EPCOR & Associated Engineering

Project: E.L. Smith Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

A water treatment plant that more than doubled its capacity with only a 20% increase in the plant's footprint.

Contact: Mike Gibbs mgibbs@epcor.ca Ph: 780-412-8877

Business: Small

Recipient: Mountain Equipment Co-op Calgary

Project: Sustainability Program

A retailer that aims for sustainability through greener operations and community involvement.

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Climate Change

Recipient: County of Vermilion River Gas Utility

Project: County of Vermilion River Gas Utility Oil Well Vent Gas Gathering Project

A county utility that stopped venting, and started collecting for use by customers, the natural gas produced as a co-product of oil wells.

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Community Group

Recipient: Edmonton Naturalization Group

Project: Conserving and Celebrating Edmonton's Native Plants

A group that is conserving and celebrating the native (and nowadays often rare) plants in Edmonton. It is a made-in-Alberta solution to sustainable yard landscaping.

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Corporate or Institutional Leadership

Recipient: Peter Sherrington

Project: Rocky Mountain Eagle Research Foundation

A person who spearheads important work to change our understanding of golden eagle migration and broadened knowledge of these indicators of ecological conditions.

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Education: Other Organization

Recipient: Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Calgary/Banff Chapter

Project: CPAWS Environmental and Action Education Program

A group that educates school students about conservation and environmental stewardship.

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Education: School or Classroom

Recipient: David Thompson High School

Project: River Stewardship Project

A school that incorporated ecosystem monitoring into its grade 11 program. It assesses the impacts of recreational use of river valleys and develops stewardship plans to help river valley users reduce their impacts.

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Government Institution

Recipient: City of Calgary

Project: The Water Centre

A municipal building in Calgary that was designed and constructed to a high standard for environmental sustainability, and that will also serve as a vehicle to educate people about water and wastewater.

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Individual Commitment

Recipient: Rob Macintosh

Project: Going the Distance to Make a Difference

A person who helped establish and guide three of Alberta's most successful environmental organizations.

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Not-for-Profit Association

Recipient: Clean Calgary Association

Project: The Calgary Materials Exchange

Operator of a Materials Exchange that that helps corporate and institutional generators of waste to reduce, exchange and recycle the waste by-products of their operations.

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Research & Innovation

Recipient: William (Bill) Gunter

Project: Carbon Capture and Storage

A scientist whose research is leading to ways to capture and store carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that is the leading cause of climate change.

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Youth

Recipient: Emma Gilchrist

Project: Calgary Herald Green Guide

A youth whose weekly column in a major Alberta newspaper educates people about simple ways they can reduce their ecological footprint.

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