



Ken Simpson Memorial Award 2019:



Recognizing Outstanding Public Service and Leadership among Nova Scotia Municipal Elected Officials

Background:

In 2012, the NSFM established the Ken Simpson Memorial Award for Outstanding Public Service and Leadership in Nova Scotia Municipal Government. This Award perpetuates the memory of Kenneth Robert Bruce Simpson who served as Executive Director of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for 19 years, from 1990 to 2009. Ken passed away tragically from cancer on April 17, 2011 at the age of 51. Throughout his tenure, Ken demonstrated exemplary public service, leadership and organizational vision. Ken was an intelligent, ethical, honest, imaginative, loyal and dedicated employee. Under his management leadership, the NSFM prospered and grew into the acknowledged, collective voice of Nova Scotia municipal government.

Previous Award Winners:

Previous award winners include the following:

- Robert Stead - former Mayor for the Town of Wolfville (2013)
- Laurence Mawhinney - former Mayor, Town of Lunenburg (2015)
- Aldric d'Entremont – former Warden, District of Argyle (2017)

Program Criteria:

The establishment of the Ken Simpson Memorial Award provides an opportunity for the NSFM to recognize a current or former mayor, warden or councillor whose actions and demeanor demonstrates:

- exceptional community leadership, statesmanship and commitment to good governance
- efforts that improve the quality of life for residents in the municipality
- personal qualities of integrity, intelligence and vision
- respect for others' views and treatment of municipal colleagues, employees and other stakeholders with courtesy, openness, patience and fairness.

Program Details:

Award Selection Committee

- The Award Selection Committee is comprised of the NSFM President, Vice President, Immediate Past-President and Chief Executive Officer. A NSFM staff member will serve as Secretary.
- The Award Selection Committee shall select the successful applicant based on a scoring system from criteria developed by the Committee.

Nomination Process

- Only current or former Nova Scotia municipal elected officials are eligible for nomination.
- Nominations may be made by elected officials of the member municipality and/or by municipal staff who have knowledge of the individual's contributions.
- The application form should be accompanied by signed, supporting letters (minimum of two to a maximum of five in number), which describe the nominee's exceptional contributions to municipal government and character within the above listed program criteria.
- Persons nominated but not selected for the award may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

Application Deadline

- ***Nominations must be received at the NSFM office by September 13 in any given year in which the Award is being presented.***
- The completed application form together with supporting documentation should be sent to NSFM Event Planner, Judy Webber by email jwebber@nsfm.ca, or by regular mail at: Ken Simpson Memorial Award, c/o Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, Suite 1304, 1809 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS B3J 3K8.

Presentation of Award

The Ken Simpson Memorial Award will be presented to the successful recipient at the 2019 NSFM Annual Conference.

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Application Form - 2019

1. Name of Municipality Putting Forward Nomination: _____

2. Nominee: *(Must be current or former Nova Scotia municipal elected official)*

Name: _____

Title or Former Title: _____

Date: _____

3. Nomination Letters:

Please include a minimum of two to a maximum of five supporting letters prepared and signed by a current or former municipal elected official or municipal staff. The supporting letters should describe the nominee's exceptional contributions to municipal government. The letters should also highlight how the nominee's actions and demeanor demonstrates one or more of the following:

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4. Contact Person - individual responsible for completing the application who the NSFM office may contact for more details or clarification:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



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