

MAP named Minister's Outstanding Achievement Award recipient for 2009

Inter-municipal Development Plan, Memorandum of Agreement Templates receive top recognition

The Municipal Area Partnership (MAP) model for intermunicipal cooperation has earned high praise from its provincial peers. On Friday, November 6, representatives of each of the MAP member communities accepted the 2009 Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence - Outstanding Award at the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Convention in Calgary.

Nominated under the Innovation category for its Inter-municipal Development Plan Template and Memorandum of Agreement Template, the MAP proposal was evaluated to be the municipal partnership that has helped to inspire action and change that has benefitted local government practice in Alberta. "The review committee believes this practice demonstrates excellence and will be beneficial to the overall practice of local government in Alberta," stated Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs. "The Outstanding Achievement Award is a celebration of your efforts and contributions to the practice of local government."

The Minister's Awards are given yearly in recognition of municipal government excellence and to promote the sharing of knowledge among municipalities. A total of 42 total submissions were received in the four categories from municipalities across Alberta in 2009.