

# ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA POLICY MANUAL

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## Preamble

ASVA is committed to recognizing lake stewardship which includes commitment to preservation, protection, enhancement or sustainability of an Alberta lake, lakeshore or it's watershed. As such, each year the ASVA, at the annual fall conference, will present the McIntosh Bulrush Award to an individual or organization that exemplifies lake stewardship activities.

## Policy

Recipients are those who have used their personal time and/or professional knowledge or skills, to improve the environment of any Alberta lake, any lake shore or its watershed and to increase awareness of the lake wellness issues to Summer Village residents.

### **Nominations will be judged based on:**

1. Commitment to preservation, protection, enhancement or sustainability of an Alberta lake, lakeshore or its' watershed;
2. The positive, tangible and long-term impact on the quality of a body of water or it's watershed;
3. The positive, tangible and long-term impact on the public attitudes towards the health of a body of water or its' watershed;
4. Demonstration of leadership and/or cooperation between groups to achieve any of the above.

### **Nomination Process:**

1. The request for nominations shall be distributed to the membership starting in **June** of each year. The request shall be in the format outlined in Schedule "A"
2. The nomination should include the following:
  - a. Project Description: What was/were the objectives of the initiative;
  - b. Summary of Activities: Describe the results of the initiative or, in the case of an individual award, the accomplishments of the individual;
  - c. When did the achievement or activity begin and, if complete, when did it end;
  - d. Where was the project conducted.

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3. The nomination sheet must be signed by the nominee or the designated officer representing a group of nominees or a council. See Schedule "B" of this policy: McIntosh Bulrush Award – Nomination Sheet.
4. Nomination deadline shall be August 31<sup>st</sup> of any year, **unless otherwise stated by the ASVA Board, in which the Membership will be given notice of the change**, via email and the ASVA website, for presentation at the annual fall convention. An electronic submission is acceptable.
5. Nominations will be reviewed by the Board of the ASVA who will render a decision on or before the September board meeting in that year. If the nomination is not supported, the nominator/s will be notified. If the nomination is supported, the recipient and the nominators will be notified.
6. The recipient will be invited to the year's annual convention free of charge where an official presentation will be held. **If the recipient chooses to bring a guest to the awards banquet, a banquet ticket must be purchased in order to do so. Or if the award goes to multiple recipients, the ASVA will have the discretion to provide additional banquet tickets.**

The award will be a trophy, similar to that identified in Schedule "C" of this policy.

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## Schedule "A"

### Request for Nominations

#### McIntosh Bulrush Award Guidelines/ Criteria

Every year the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta, at our annual Fall Conference, presents the McIntosh Bulrush Award to an Individual or Organization that exemplifies lake stewardship activities.

- Use of personal time to improve:
  - The environment of any Alberta Lake
  - Any lakeshore
  - Increase awareness of the lake wellness issues to Summer Village residents
- Use of professional knowledge/skills to improve:
  - The environment of any Alberta Lake
  - Any lakeshore
  - Increase awareness of the lake wellness issues to Summer Village residents

#### Nomination Form

As many of you will know the McIntosh Bulrush Award is presented at the annual ASVA Conference.

There is a formal process regarding nominations. Attached you will find a nomination sheet as well as the policy which outlines the guidelines to be used for the submission and the judging criteria.

If your Council knows of anyone or any organization that meets these criteria, please fill in the Nomination Form and return it to [execdirector@asva.ca](mailto:execdirector@asva.ca) or by mail to ASVA, 2 – 51109 RR 271, Spruce Grove, AB, T7Y 1G7 on or before August 31st annually, unless otherwise stated by the ASVA Board, in which the Membership will be given notice of the change, via email and the ASVA website.

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

#### Past Award Recipients

2004 - Summer Village of Ross Haven	2015 - Kate Wilson - AIS, Alberta Environment and Parks
2005 - Bruce McIntosh	2016 - Bob Lehman and Roger Montpellier - SV of Val Quentin
2006 - Lori Jeffery-Heaney	2017 - Thom Jewell - SV of Birchcliff
2007 - Peter Wright	2018 - Pat and Wayne Deschamps - SV of Parkland Beach
2008 - County of Lac La Biche	2019 - BAILS: Baptiste & Island Lakes Stewardship
2009 - Not Awarded	2020 - Lake Isle & Lac Ste Anne - Water Quality Management Society
2010 - Don Davidson - SV of Grandview	2021 - Summer Village of Crystal Springs – Living in Harmony
2011 - Kelly Aldridge - SV of Seba Beach	2022 - Pigeon Lake Watershed As. – Caring for the Lake Together
2012 - Sylvan Lake Management Committee	2023 - Summer Village of Sundance Beach
2013 - Glen Usselman - SV of Sunrise Beach	2024 - Sandi Bedford – SV of Southview
2014 - Pigeon Lake Watershed Association	2025 -

Schedule "B"

McIntosh Bulrush Award – Nomination Form

Nominee Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Nominee is a:

- Summer Village
- Organization
- Individual

Name of Working Titles of Project (if applicable)

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Address of Nominee:

Street No. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Municipality: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

(summer village, village, town, city, county)

Province: Alberta

Postal Code: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Telephone No. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Email: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Nominated by: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Telephone No. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Email: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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Signature of Nominee

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Date of Nomination

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Complete your nomination using the following headings:

*Project Description – What was/were the objectives of the initiative?*

Click or tap here to enter text.

*Summary of Activity – Describe the results/successes of the initiative or, in the case of an individual award, the accomplishments of the individual.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

*When did the achievement or activity begin and if complete, end?*

Click or tap here to enter text.

*Where was the project conducted?*

Click or tap here to enter text.

If required, attached additional information.

**Schedule "C"**

**McIntosh Bulrush Award – Trophy Template**

