



## Top environmental awards applaud Alberta's green projects

The Alberta Emerald Foundation announced the 2020 winners at the prestigious Emerald Awards.

**EDMONTON AB; June 4, 2020**: For the <u>Alberta Emerald Foundation</u> (AEF), the show must go on. On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, the <u>29th Annual Emerald Awards</u> took place online to celebrate our province's environmental achievements of nonprofits, businesses, governments, youth, and more. The ceremony featured host Julian Faid (Rapid Fire Theatre), performance painter Giselle Denis, and poet Audrey Lane Cockett.

This year's <u>recipients</u>, chosen by a third-party judging panel of leading industry experts, highlight a diverse and impressive portfolio of environmental projects hailing from Edmonton, Calgary, Airdrie, St. Albert, Cochrane, and Viking. For the first time, the AEF will be providing a grant to each category recipient to further their environmental work, thanks to the support of its sponsors.

Category	Recipient	City	Presenting Sponsor
Large Business	Edmonton Convention Centre	Edmonton	
Small Business	Eco-Growth Environmental Inc.	Calgary	
Community Group or Nonprofit: Grassroots	Agroforestry & Extension Society	Edmonton	
Community Group or Nonprofit: Large Organization	Municipal Climate Change Action Centre	Edmonton	Syncrude Canada Ltd.
Education	École Manachaban Middle School: W.I.L.D. Program	Airdrie	ABCRC
Public Education & Outreach	Inside Education	Edmonton	Government of Alberta
Government Institution	City of St. Albert: Electric Buses	St. Albert	
Emerald Challenge: Climate Change	Cochrane High School Sustainable Development Committee	Cochrane	
Shared Footprints Award	Dale Hodges Park	Calgary	Alberta Real Estate Foundation
Lifetime Achievement	Pres Winter	Viking	

The AEF showcases Emerald recipients year-round by providing them the opportunity to participate in the Emerald Documentary Series, Emerald Speakers Series, and What On EARTH Can We Do? Podcast. By giving these deserving organizations and individuals a voice and platform to share their story, the AEF aims to inspire the province to work as a community towards a greener future.

The AEF are the environmental good-news storytellers. They are a nonprofit charity that showcases and inspires environmental achievements and provides programming that engages, informs, and emboldens stewardship in Alberta. What began as the Emerald Awards in 1992 has evolved into a 12-month conversation.

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