

## 2014 Land Awards Nomination Criteria

The Real Estate Foundation of BC is pleased to announce that the 2014 Land Awards will be presented on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver on at a gala dinner and celebration honouring the finalists and their projects.

Land Awards celebrate initiatives that demonstrate leadership, innovation and collaboration in sustainable land use in British Columbia. The awards highlight dynamic, forward-thinking people and organizations – leaders in creating more resilient, healthy communities and natural environments.

### **About the Foundation**

*The Real Estate Foundation of BC is a philanthropic organization that helps advance sustainable land use in British Columbia. We provide grants to non-profit organizations working to improve BC communities through responsible and informed land use, conservation and real estate practices.*

*In addition to funding research, education and law reform initiatives, we connect with organizations to share information on BC land use issues, in order to facilitate decision-making based on current information and best practice.*

*While the Foundation makes grants to non-profits only, Land Awards are given in all sectors. We believe that sharing knowledge and connections builds bridges and supports real progress toward sustainability.*

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### Eligible Nominees

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Land Awards honour achievement in sustainable land use in British Columbia. To be eligible for consideration, your initiative must be:

- A current program or recently completed project (i.e. completed within 12 months of the nomination deadline). For major, multi-phase projects, the phase being nominated for an award (e.g. planning) must have been completed within the 12-month window.
- Initiated by a BC-based organization. The lead organization will be the project's nominee.
- Undertaken in partnership with others – e.g. non-profits, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses and/or individuals – in a collaborative way to plan and carry out the project or program for which they are nominated.

Previously nominated projects that have not received an award can be nominated for consideration again.

### Categories

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There are four award categories: three organizational and one individual. There is one award per category.

**Non-profit organization** – Any non-profit organization operating in the province of BC; includes societies, charitable organizations, co-operatives and professional associations. The BC branch or chapter of an out-of-province organization is an eligible nominee. This category does not include government agencies as “public sector” has its own category.

**Public sector** – Any municipal, regional, provincial or First Nations government department or office, or a federal government department or office based in the province of BC; public education institutions/schools.

**Private sector** – Any BC-based company including the BC division of a national or international corporation.

**Individual** – Please see the Land Champion Award criteria on page 4.

## Land Use Subjects

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“Land use” is a broad term. For the purpose of these awards, a “land use related” initiative can deal with subjects such as the following. This could include, but is not limited to:

- Land use planning at various scales (neighbourhood, municipality, region)
- Watershed stewardship
- Green building
- Housing
- Sustainable agriculture
- Alternative transportation strategies
- Ecological conservation
- Heritage buildings or precincts
- Public realm and community spaces

## Key Qualities

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To be considered, organizations must have demonstrated all of the following in the project or program for which they are being nominated:

**Leadership** – The organization took initiative to address an issue or issues related to sustainable land use in a community or region, sector, profession or the province as a whole. The initiative itself demonstrated leadership over a certain time period and/or is continuing to demonstrate leadership.

**Innovation** – The project or program is innovative. It provides a new way of looking at a land planning/land use/land management/conservation issue and employs a unique solution that can be modeled in other communities. Acknowledging that there are levels of innovation – e.g. innovative for BC, for rural BC – the nominator should describe how and to what degree the project demonstrates innovation.

**Collaboration** – The organization facilitated the participation of multiple stakeholders and partners (including end users) to bring the project or program together. It sought community support, and worked/is working with other organizations and/or sectors to maximize the project or program’s effectiveness. Unusual and creative partnerships are weighted more heavily than run-of-the-mill business or funder-non-profit relationships.

## NOMINATIONS

The nomination form must be submitted via email by the deadline. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

A nomination can be made by an individual or organization. Self-nominations are welcome.

### Nomination form

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Complete the nomination form provided, or you may use your own. If you wish to create your own form, please make sure to answer all questions. Keep in mind that the submission must be able to stand on its own. An outstanding project that is not well presented might not be short-listed for an award.

Nominations must include at least three photos/images and two letters of support. They may also include other addenda (e.g. brochure, video, website link) to help communicate the project or program more fully. (Note: If a nomination includes many links, or the links are to long articles or videos, it is unlikely that the selection committee will have time to read/watch them all. Please choose support material carefully.)

Note there is a different nomination form for the Land Champion Award (for individuals). See page 4.

## Submission

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Email nominations to [celina@refbc.com](mailto:celina@refbc.com).

If you are sending attachments in more than one email, identify them so we can ensure that we have received them all. For example, the subject line could read: *Land Awards – Organization Name – 1 of 3 (...2 of 3, 3 of 3)*.

## Questions

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Direct questions about the Land Awards program to either of the following people:

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Megan Simm – [megan@refbc.com](mailto:megan@refbc.com) | Direct 604.343.2620 | Toll free 1.866.912.6800 ext 101

## Deadline

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Completed nominations must be received in the Real Estate Foundation's email inbox by **11:59 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014**. We will confirm receipt by email within one working day of receiving your submission.

## SELECTION

Each year, the Real Estate Foundation selects members to an external committee of judges. They are experts in land use related fields such as community planning, sustainability, green building, property development, land conservation and education. The committee will review and short-list finalists in each of the three sector categories.

A special committee of Real Estate Foundation past-chairs will adjudicate the Land Champion award.

The committees will base their decisions on these nomination criteria.

## FINALIST VIDEOS

The Real Estate Foundation will produce a short video of each finalist project – and one highlighting the Land Champion's achievements. We will require the cooperation of the finalists during the summer months to produce the videos, which will be screened at the Land Awards Gala in October. The videos will be available for the organizations' use and the Foundation will post them online ([website](#) and [YouTube](#)) for public viewing after the gala.

Each finalist project will receive two complimentary tickets to the gala. Transportation and accommodation will be the finalists' responsibility.

# 2014 Land Champion Award

## Nomination Criteria

The Land Awards were conceived to recognize initiatives that demonstrate leadership, innovation and collaboration in sustainable land use in the province of BC. Three awards honour *organizations* in the public, private and non-profit sectors.

A fourth award, the Land Champion Award, honours the outstanding contributions of a BC-resident *individual* who has demonstrated the above “key qualities”, over time and in superior fashion, in his or her land use related work (paid or volunteer) in the province of British Columbia.

To be considered, individual nominees must have demonstrated all of the following:

**Leadership** – The person took initiative to address an issue or issues related to the sustainable use and conservation of land or real estate in a community or region, sector, profession or the province as a whole. He/she demonstrated exemplary leadership over a certain time period and/or is continuing to demonstrate leadership.

**Innovation** – The person’s work was/is innovative. It provides a new way of looking at a land planning/land use/land management/conservation issue and employs a unique solution that can be modeled by others.

**Collaboration** – The person exceeded expectations in facilitating the participation of multiple stakeholders and partners to bring one or more projects or programs together. He/she sought community support, and worked/is working with multiple organizations and/or sectors to maximize the project or program’s effectiveness.

*\* The Land Champion Award will be presented when the Selection Committee identifies a worthy nominee. The award will not necessarily be presented every year.*

## NOMINATIONS

Complete the nomination form provided or create your own form, being sure to answer all questions. Keep in mind that the submission must be able to stand on its own in communicating the depth and breadth of the individual’s merit.

Nominations must include at least three photos/images and three letters of support. Links to online articles, videos, or other items are also welcome if they help communicate the fulness of the individual’s experience and expertise. (Note: If a nomination includes many links, or the links are to long articles or videos, it is unlikely that the selection committee will have time to read/watch them all. Please choose support material carefully.)

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