



**Spinal Cord Injury Alberta  
is seeking Nominees  
for its  
2016 RECOGNITION AWARDS**  
**Deadline for Submissions: December 15, 2015**  
**Fax or e-mail nomination(s) to:**  
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Spinal Cord Injury Alberta [formerly Canadian Paraplegic Association (Alberta)] is planning to present its annual awards at our upcoming Red Carpet Affair scheduled for Friday March 18, 2016. We would like you to have an opportunity to make suggestions for individuals or organizations who you feel are worthy of receiving any of the awards.

Each award category is listed below, included under each category is the criteria for selection as well as history of past recipients.

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### **Percy Wickman Accessibility Award**

*This is a province-wide award given out annually.*

**Awarded to:** the owner of a new or newly renovated facility in Alberta who has recently completed a specific building project

**Awarded for:** a new building (or major renovation) project in Alberta that has exceeded building codes in wheelchair accessibility features

**The recipient**

- Must own the facility which is being recognized
- Must build in the Alberta region
- Must have opened or re-opened its facility since the time the award was last given out (usually one year)
- Does not have to be based in Alberta (ie: it's head office can be out of province)
- Will be allowed to determine which individual(s) will accept the award on behalf of the owner
- Note: building projects not yet opened for occupancy should not be considered as they can be nominated the following year.

**Past Recipients:**

Calgary (2003): Talisman Centre for Sport & Wellness, Bernie Asbell, General Manager and COO  
Edmonton (2003): City of Edmonton, for Commonwealth Stadium and other Parks and Recreation facilities; (2004): Airline Ops & Terminal Services, Edmonton Regional Airports Authority, Gordon Myrehaug, Manager. In recognition of the Edmonton Regional Airport Authority's commitment to making the Edmonton Airport the most accessible transportation hub in the country; (2006) An award was not presented in 2006; (2007) Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary for exceeding building requirements as it relates to wheelchair accessibility; (2008) Ronald McDonald House Southern for exceeding building requirements; (2009) Deer Valley Bed and Breakfast for extensive accessibility features; (2010) Leduc Recreation Centre for exceeding accessibility requirements; (2011) Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre for exceeding building requirements as it relates to wheelchair accessibility; (2012) Grande Prairie Aquatics and Wellness Complex (newly named Eastlink Centre) for exceeding accessibility requirements (2013) Edmonton International Airport, in recognition of its ongoing commitment as evidenced through its Expansion 2012 (2014) Metis Capital Housing Corporation for its leadership in the development of the Boyle Renaissance Project, Phase II, a facility that offers units that are senior friendly & barrier free and meets the needs of aboriginal people, seniors and individuals with disabilities (2015) South Health Campus AHS for providing an inspiring environment free from barriers, and setting an example for future builds.

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## Dr. Gary McPherson Lifetime Achievement Award

*This is a province-wide award given out annually (either post mortem and/or over the age of 50).*

**Awarded to:** an individual with a spinal cord injury or other physical disability

**Awarded for:** an outstanding contribution over a long time period (at least 20 years) to the cause of making Alberta a better place for all people with disabilities

**Note:** This award does not need to be given out annually; only when warranted by the governing body.

**Past Recipients:** (2004): Larry Pempeit, in recognition of his meritorious service to the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Alberta); (2006): James Killick, in recognition of his meritorious services to persons with disabilities; (2007) Ewen Nelson in recognition of his efforts in the pursuit of full community participation by persons with disabilities; (2008) Oliver Cardinal in recognition of services to persons with disabilities, particularly those of aboriginal descent; Eric Boyd in recognition of his work for the rights and full integration of persons with disabilities and influencing the advancement of equal education and employment; (2010) The Honourable Judge J. Bradford Kerby in recognition of his work to better the lives of people with disabilities including being a Board member of CPA (Alberta), APF and the Steadward Centre; (2011) Louise A. Miller, for her volunteer advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with spinal cord injury, particularly her work as co-founder of the Spinal Cord Injury Treatment Centre Society; (2012) R. Vance Milligan, Q.C., ICD.D in recognition of his vision and leadership on behalf of individuals with SCI, in particular as Chair of The Alberta Paraplegic Association as well as his involvement with many other community organizations. (2013) Donna Martyn, as an individual with a disability who has dedicated much of her time and energy to improving the lives of persons with disabilities (2014) Louise Taylor in recognition of her advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities and particularly helping to ensure equal education for all (2015) No award presented

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## The Honourable Lois Hole Community Development Award

*This is a province-wide award given out annually.*

**Awarded to:** an individual

**Awarded for:** making a significant long term contribution to the lives of people with disabilities

**The Recipient:**

- Must live in the province of Alberta

**Past Recipients:**

Calgary (2003): R. Vance Milligan Chair, The Alberta Paraplegic Foundation.

Edmonton (2003): Workers' Compensation Board–Alberta, for providing funding through the WCB Charity Golf Tournaments; (2004) Rob Loughheed, Chair, Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities AND Dr. Harry Hodes, Assistant Regional Director, Community Health Programs, First Nations & Inuit Health, Health Canada; (2006) Beverley Matthiessen, Executive Director, Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities; (2007) Gary McPherson, polio survivor and leader in the area of wheelchair sports; (2008) Dr. Robert Steadward, Founder/President – Steadward Centre for Personal and Physical Achievement; (2009) Iris Saunders, Executive Director, EmployAbilities; (2010) Neil Pierce, President, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada (Alberta Division); (2011) Travis McNally, spinal cord injury advocate in northern Alberta; (2012) Kenneth P. Thomas, community advocate. (2013) Margaret Conquest, spinal cord injury advocate, volunteer on various boards and committees relating to physical disability (2014) Bob Macklon (2015) No award presented

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- ❖ SCI Alberta reserves the right to not present awards in all of the award categories.
  - ❖ Awards may be presented at other events other than the Red Carpet Affair.
  - ❖ In the event that a Red Carpet Affair is re-scheduled or cancelled, the association will arrange to have awards presented at another suitable time.

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