

June 23, 2022

Mayor's Recognition Awards 2022

Athletics

Recognizes individuals or teams placing first in a national event or competition; or placing first, second or third in an international event or competition sanctioned by the respective national or international governing body; or placing first at the highest possible level that can be achieved in their sport.

Red Deer Ringette – U10 Rush

Emma-Lea Bowie
Hailey Cockerill
Amy Condratow
Sophie Fleck
Blair Fleming
Ainsley Gosnell
Avelynn Grzyb
Peyton Horvey
Ainsley McFarlane
Areyanna Payne
Sophie Peake

Bowen Pilipchuk
Aysia Rosentreter
Finlee Rudolph
Harper Voice

Myles Peake (Head Coach)
Steve Bowie (Assistant Coach)
Jordan Fleck (Assistant Coach)
Shauna Grzyb (Assistant Coach)
Sarah Tittlemore (Manager)
Lacey McFarlane (Junior Coach)

Distinguished Voluntary Service

Recognizing outstanding volunteers who have made a significant impact, enhanced the quality of life and/or implemented a significant positive change in Red Deer.

Glenn Allen
Steven Patrick Carter
Rhonda Derouin
Elaine Findlay
Audrey Patricia Gauthier
Tina Mah
Carol Oleksow
Ken Ott
Christopher Rogers
Kathy Saunders
Ron Soehn
Ken Vis
Alison Wigelsworth

Good Deeds

Bonnie Jean Brown
Bill Bryant
Lois Bryant

Cindy Plackner
Dr. Derrel Plackner
Don Tymchuk

Community Builder

Recognizing outstanding individuals or groups who have demonstrated special or unique qualities and who have made a difference in our community through leadership, dedication, innovation and creativity, with long term benefits.

Shirley Hocken
Alexis Holmgren
Dick Huddleston
Alex Ivanenko
Jerry Tennant
Greg Thompson
(Nana) Monique Trotter

Lending Cupboard Volunteers

National Pickleball Organizing Committee

Dennis Bowness
Douglas DeWitt
Brenda Feser
Dick Feser
Rick Foret
Patrick Galeslout
Terry Hanasyk
Garand Jones
Tony Lam
David Oxley
Ted Sherback
Joan L. Skiba
Gene Vollmin

Period Promise Pilot Project

Youth Peace Camps

Nathan Crane
Jordan Gopher
Lelond Mitsuing
Domonic Redcalf
Halleigh Thiessen
Randalyann Thiessen
Rose Thiessen
Aleigha Weasel Bear

Mayor's Special Award 2022

Brian E. Crawford

For Brian Crawford, August 20, 2019, started out as any normal day. As a Transport Operator for Calfrac Well Service, Brian was out driving, as he did every day. But on this day, he found himself in the middle of a serious traffic accident involving multiple vehicles.

As he sat in a line of nine vehicles stopped at a construction site on Highway 9 near Chinook, Brian had no way of knowing what was to come. Behind him, a chain reaction of collisions occurred after a semi-truck rear ended the line-up of vehicles. This created a large, intense fire that engulfed the vehicles.

Despite being involved in the collision, once Brian was able to get out of his truck, he immediately began helping others to get out of their vehicles. With little regard for his own safety, Brian helped two others free an unconscious woman from her vehicle. He went on to help a man trapped in his car escape and then helped another man through the fire to safety. Brian also comforted an injured victim in distress, staying with her until the STARS team arrived to transport her.

Sadly, three people lost their lives that day. Another ten patients were transported to hospital by STARS and ground ambulance. There is little doubt that Brian's actions saved lives. An on-site RCMP officer said that Brian's actions were heroic and that he had helped a number of people in danger and distress.

This was a tragic accident and many people demonstrated incredible bravery that day. As a member of the Red Deer community, Brian's family at Calfrac felt he was deserving of a Mayor's Special Award, and we couldn't agree more. His unselfish acts went above all expectation and are most worthy of recognition.

We thank Brian for his courage and compassion. It is our privilege to honour him with a Mayor's Special Award for his heroism and bravery.

Val Jensen

Val's passion for improving community life in Red Deer runs deep and she has impacted the lives of many. Through her work, Val has ignited our community. Her passion is kids and keeping them healthy and moving.

Whether she's focussed on affordable, accessible and fun dance or putting together ceremonies and celebrations to support large scale sporting events, her never ending energy and vision are a gift for our community. Just to name a few, the initiatives and programs Val has been involved with include Dance Magic, Woody's Triathlon, 2019 Canada Winter Games Red Deer is Ready Rally, PCN Fun Run, and the Bower Community Association.

With a knack for drawing people in, her supporters affectionately refer to working with her as "val-unteering." But these "val-uneteers" keep coming back to be part of the energy Val creates. She has a way of making people feel safe, special, seen and connected, regardless of their role or job they are doing.

Our community is stronger as a result of the thousands of lives Val has touched throughout her lifetime of service in our community. Her efforts have left a lasting legacy on our community and she continues to inspire and motivate the community to volunteer.

We thank Val for her passion, commitment and hard work. She has made and continues to make our community a better place now and for future generations. It is our honour to recognize you with a Mayor's Special Award as part of the 2022 Mayor's Recognition Awards.