

## 2011-2012 Winners

### 2011 Winners

#### Environmental Leadership

##### **Janice Dewar**

Janice developed two drainage education programs that help teach citizens about the proper disposal of fats, oils and grease as well as other potentially harmful products. The Treat It Right® program is designed for school students while the Store It Don't Pour It program is for adults.

#### Environmental Innovation

##### **Aggregate Recycling Program Team**

The team runs the City's Aggregate Recycling Program which diverts 200,000 m<sup>3</sup> of waste concrete and asphalt from construction projects away from landfills and grinds it into coarse aggregate that can be used in road and sidewalk construction.

**Team includes: Blair Buccholtz, Al Marlowe, Mike Wuthrich, Dean Vick, George Carnegie, Darrell Schild, Doug Gilbert**

#### Continuous Environmental Improvement

##### **Vegetation Management Team**

This team is responsible for controlling unwanted vegetation in City parks. Thanks to their environmental commitment, they have been able to substantially reduce the amount of City parkland treated with herbicide from a high of 50 per cent of City parks in 2000 to only 10 per cent today. The team also works closely with local groups to preserve native plants in City parklands.

**Team includes: Gary Chan, Maurice Pelletier, Don Slobinyk, Jason Gross, Mark McNicholl, Tim Mulrooney, John Sowinski**

## 2012 Winners

### Environmental Leadership

#### Erosion and Sediment Control Team

This team provides training to City employees about how construction and development can result in erosion and sedimentation which can be harmful to the environment. Since the team members began offering this training, there has been significant improvement in the monitoring of erosion and sediment on City construction projects.

**Team includes: Christina Tatamiuk, Kristen Tappenden, Wanda Goulden**

### Environmental Innovation

#### Winter Roadway Maintenance Team

In recent years the winter maintenance program has been improved with the increasing use of recycled sand (taken from city street sweeping), the introduction of limestone chip to the mixture, improving mixing technology and reducing the amount of salt applied to city roads. The use of recycled sand reduces transportation costs and keeps street sweepings diverted from the landfill. Adding limestone chip into the sand-salt mix improves traction and makes the mixture more recyclable.

### Continuous Environmental Improvement

#### Forestry Group

The forestry team has nursed Edmonton's urban forests through years of drought and has created a number of new initiatives to preserve the health of Edmonton's urban trees. New initiatives include testing watering systems for new trees, creating the Really Grate program to help downtown trees grow larger by improving their soil and growing conditions and conducting research on elm tree diseases to ensure that pruned branches from sick elm trees could be safely mixed into the Waste Management Centre's wood chip-based compost.

**Team includes: Jenny Wheeler, Dan Chouinard, Bonnie Fermanuik, Travis Kennedy, Megan Rogers, Mark Wartenbe, Bill Barr, Mario Castillo**

### Nation's Leader Award (new)

#### Roy Neehall, Manager

Roy has been actively involved in waste management and environmental initiatives in the City for close to 30 years. His commitment to environmental stewardship and his innovative thinking helped make the City a Nation's Leader in solid waste management.