

# Council of the Federation Excellence in Water Stewardship Award

**The Premier of Manitoba invites you to nominate deserving water stewards for  
the 2014 Council of the Federation Excellence in Water Stewardship Award  
Nomination Deadline: January 15, 2014**

The Council of the Federation (COF) Excellence in Water Stewardship Award recognizes outstanding achievement, innovative practice and excellence in water stewardship provincially and territorially. The award is given to organizations, partnerships, businesses, institutions, municipalities, or community groups across Canada to recognize their contribution helping Canadians and their governments to be responsible water stewards.

## **The Council of the Federation**

The Council of the Federation enables Premiers from all provinces and territories to work collaboratively, form closer ties, foster constructive relationships among governments, and provide leadership on important issues that matter to Canadians.

The COF Water Stewardship Council (WSC) was established in 2011 and comprises senior government officials from each province and territory. The WSC provides strategic advice to the Council of the Federation on issues and opportunities related to Canada's water resources and where appropriate, to coordinate and facilitate implementation of the commitments of the [COF Water Charter](#).

Endorsed by Premiers in 2010, the Water Charter recognizes the collective obligation of Canadians and their governments to be responsible water stewards. It calls for increased public awareness about the importance of water conservation, water quality, adaptation to climate change, water efficiency labelling, enhanced water monitoring, cooperative work with municipalities, collaboration on transboundary issues, and the importance of highlighting World Water Day across Canada each year.

## **Who is Eligible?**

- A community or stewardship group, business, local government, institution or other organization that: Operates or has an existing project or activity within Manitoba
- Operates a program or activity that aligns with the principles of the COF Water Charter

\*Provincial/ territorial government and/ or government agencies are not eligible

## **Selection process**

- Each province/territory will develop a regionally-appropriate selection process to identify their recipient of the award for 2014.

## **Award Presentation**

- The award consists of a glass trophy, certificate and honorarium of \$ 1,000.
- Recipients will be announced in a COF news release on March 17, 2014. The award will be presented on a date agreed upon by each province/territory and their respective recipient.

### **Steps to Apply**

**1. Complete the attached nomination form.**

Please type or print clearly and ensure that the organization name is spelled correctly as it will be used on official materials.

**2. Provide a description of how the nominee's project or activity promotes the principles of the COF Water Charter (limit 4 pages):**

- Demonstrates leadership or innovation in water stewardship?
- Promotes collaboration?
- Demonstrates/encourages water conservation?
- Improves people's approach to water stewardship?

**3. Letters of Support (optional):**

A letter from either someone involved with assisting the nominee or from someone the nominee has aided or inspired (**limit of 3 letters, no more than 2 pages in length each**).

**The nomination form and project/activity description must be received or post-marked by January 15, 2014. Please email, fax or mail the completed forms to:**

COF Excellence in Water Stewardship Award Selection Committee  
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship  
Box 27, 200 Saulteaux Cres.  
Winnipeg, MB R3J 3W3  
Phone: (204) 945-3814

To download a nomination form or for more information visit:

[http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/stewardship\\_award.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/stewardship_award.html)

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<b>Nominee Information</b> <i>(Please print clearly and sign below)</i>		
Name of organization		
Name and Title of Representative		
Mailing Address		
City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Home Telephone	Work Telephone	
E-mail		
<p>We, _____ agree, on behalf of _____, to be nominated for the Council of the Federation Water Stewardship Award. I confirm the information provided is accurate, and consent to the use and exchange of this information between Manitoba and the Council of the Federation Award Selection Committee for the purpose of evaluating and selecting award recipients. If I receive this award, I also consent to having my name, hometown, summary of achievements and photograph released to the media and included in Manitoba publications for publicity purposes associated with the award.</p>		
Signature of Nominee		

<b>Nominator Information</b> <i>(Please print clearly and sign below)</i>		
Title and Organization	(if applicable)	
Mailing Address		
City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Home Telephone	Work Telephone	
E-mail		
Relationship to the nominee		
Signature of Nominator	Date	