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13th annual Stewardship Awards – Call for 2014 nominations

Know of any green champions in our community?

It's time to celebrate outstanding environmental action with the City of Campbell River's 13th annual Stewardship Awards. Nominate individuals, groups, businesses, industry representatives and youth for their contributions to the common cause of environmental achievement by September 12, 2014.

"Every year citizens from across Campbell River dedicate their time to make our city a greener and a more vibrant community," says Mayor Walter Jakeway. *"These awards are a way to show our appreciation to an impressive array of citizens and to inspire others to volunteer their time to conserve and restore our environment."*

The award categories are:

- Air Quality / Alternative Transportation (is there an avid walker or cyclist near you?)
- Pesticide Free / Urban Agriculture (who's working with nature and sharing their bounty?)
- Water / Energy Conservation (who's making the most of our precious resources?)
- Habitat Protection / Creation (who's rebuilding and restoring community habitat?)
- Waste Reduction (who's a role model when it comes to reducing waste?)
- Youth Special Recognition (who's keeping the stewardship tradition alive and thriving?)
- Environmental Excellence (for outstanding achievement!)

"This year, the City of Campbell River is very pleased to announce a new youth stewardship bursary being offered as a tribute to the late Tom Easton," says Councillor Larry Samson, who holds Council's environment portfolio. *"Tom was a well-known and respected Simms Creek stream keeper and served as the chair of the City's Environmental Advisory Committee for several years. We are honoured that Tom's friends have asked to pair the youth bursary with the City Stewardship Award Program."*

"Tom was recognized in 2011 for his environmental achievements when he received the habitat protection/creation award," says his wife Carole Easton. *"His friends really wanted to pay tribute to Tom's memory and his hands-on passion for fish and wildlife habitat. To do this, they would like to offer a \$200 bursary to a young person (up to the age of 19) who is entering, or returning to, an accredited post-secondary institution in environmental studies and who has already contributed to environmental stewardship."*

This is the first year for Tom's Remembrance bursary and the program will be made available for the next five years. All individuals nominated in the youth category will be eligible for the bursary.

To nominate an awards candidate, download an application form from the *What's New* section of the City's website (www.campbellriver.ca). Paper copies are available at City Hall.

For more information on these awards, please contact the Sustainability Department by telephoning 250-286-5711 or sending an email to terri.martin@campbellriver.ca.

Awards will be presented during the annual Haig-Brown Festival on World Rivers Day (noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, September 28 at 2250 Campbell River Road). The festival is a celebration of environmental and social causes championed by the Haig-Brown family, including conservation, fly-fishing, arts and literature and social justice. The day's activities will be complemented by fresh food and live music.

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