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**15th annual Stewardship Awards – Call for 2016 nominations**

Know of any green champions in our community? It’s time to celebrate their achievements and learn from their experiences.

Nominate individuals, groups, businesses, industry representatives and youth for their contributions to the common cause of environmental achievement by September 9, 2016.

 *“Every day, there are citizens in Campbell River who are working in the community’s green corridors and the urban environment to restore habitat and create vibrant, livable spaces,” says Mayor Andy Adams. “It is time to recognize their diverse accomplishments and share their stories.”*

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!)

Tom Easton’s Remembrance Bursary will also be offered 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. All individuals nominated in the youth category will be eligible for the $200 bursary.

*“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 nominate an awards candidate, download an application form from the *What’s New* section of the City’s website ([www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca)). Paper copies are available at City Hall. For more information on these awards, please contact the City by phoning 250-286-5711, or emailing terri.martin@campbellriver.ca.

Awards will be presented at the Fall Festival at Haig-Brown House on Sunday, September 25 (noon to 4 p.m. at 2250 Campbell River Road). The festival coincides with Rivers Day to celebrate conservation, and foods and goods locally produced, processed and distributed.

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