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His Worship Verquin and Councillors
Village of Rycroft
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**Subject: Awards from the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association and the Government of Alberta honour outstanding work in your community**

Dear His Worship Verquin and all Members of Council,

We are delighted to announce that the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) will be presenting several awards to recognize leadership and excellence in the recreation and parks sector. We invite you to nominate deserving members of your community for these prestigious awards.

The award ceremony will take place during the President's Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, where 400 delegates will be in attendance as part of our annual Conference and Energize Workshop. We believe that recognizing outstanding work inspires Albertans to continue their efforts in making their communities better.

The awards include the Lieutenant Governor's Leadership for Active Communities Awards, which recognize the achievements of individuals and groups who are leading their communities to increase citizen participation in active living, recreation, and sport, resulting in healthier people and communities. This year, we have three categories: Elected Community Official Award, Group Spirit of Community Leadership Award, and Professional Leadership Award. We are planning to have the Lieutenant Governor with us at the President's Awards Banquet to present all three awards.

In addition to the Lieutenant Governor's Awards, ARPA will also be presenting multiple awards including the A.V. Pettigrew Award, which recognizes a community or organization that has made a significant impact on improving the quality of life of their citizens through recreation and parks. We will also be launching a new award focused on Inclusion as well as additional awards covering different aspects of the recreation and parks sector.

To view more details on each award and to complete our online nomination form, please visit the ARPA website at https://arpaonline.ca/awards-scholarships/.

We look forward to recognizing and celebrating the hard work and dedication of individuals and groups who are making a difference in their communities and improving the lives of Albertans.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Cowie
President