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City staff awarded for being environmental champions

The City of Edmonton honoured several employees for their commitment to environmental protection. The Charles Labatiuk Awards for Environmental Excellence recognize City staff who demonstrate environmental leadership by innovating and improving how the City does business.

"Edmonton strives to be an environmental leader and achieve high standards of sustainability, both externally with City initiatives and internally with our employees," said City Manager Simon Farbrother.

"These winners and nominees make a strong, positive impact on our environment and our city.



Trena McGillivray received the award for *Environmental Leadership* for helping her fellow peace officers learn about recycling and the impact of vehicle idling.

The Environmental Innovation award was given to the Street Lighting Team (Mado Cicovski, Ben Yarmuch, Gary Ursulak, Mike Rowell, Shawn Jacobs, JanuszJanuszczak, Kevin Romans, Dhafir Harneed and Gord Cebryk, all in Transportation Operations). This group introduced a number of innovations, such as LED lighting, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the city's street lighting.

The team behind the Groat Road Basin End-of-Pipe treatment facility (Fayi Zhou, Wendy Laskosky, Liliana Malesevic, Arbind Mainali, Siri Fernando and Leonara Lumabi, all with Drainage Services) earned the award for Continuous Environmental Improvement. The facility uses a series of filtering stems to stop pollutants from entering the North Saskatchwan River, the first use of this technology in Alberta.

The awards were named after the late Charles Labatiuk, an engineer with the City's Waste Management Branch and a dedicated environmentalist.

For more information:

Visit edmonton.ca/environmental/programs/charles-labatiuk-awards.aspx

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