



**RCE**  
**SASKATCHEWAN**

REGIONAL CENTRE  
OF EXPERTISE  
ON EDUCATION  
FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT



## News Release/Media Invitation to Attend

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### Celebrate Saskatchewan's Sustainability Champions

*RCE Saskatchewan's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards for Achievement in Education for Sustainable Development*

*Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 9:30 am – 1:30 p.m. CST, virtual and in person.*

*E.A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts, Prince Albert*

*RCE Saskatchewan's Patron, His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, will be in attendance. Interviews will be available during breaks in the program at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.*

Join us for a unique event honouring champions in sustainability from across the province. The event will honour 34 Saskatchewan projects at a gathering focused on the [UN's 17 sustainable development goals](#).

The projects all educate, encourage, and engage others in local action that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Recipients will include home grown projects and programs from such diverse groups as the Universities of Regina and Saskatchewan, SaskOutdoors, Cowesses First Nation, the community of Craik, Saskatchewan Polytechnic and others. All dimensions of ecological, economic, social and cultural sustainability are represented.

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year for the event, with more than 300 awards being presented since it was started in 2007. [RCE Saskatchewan](#) created the awards to honour Saskatchewan sustainable development leaders from businesses, towns and cities, educational institutions and community-based organizations. The RCE is a voluntary network (with founding partners including the University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan, and Saskatchewan Polytechnic) and is one of more than [180 Regional Centres of Expertise](#) on Education for Sustainable Development around the world that are formally recognized by the United Nations University.

The event is held in a different community every year. This year's co-hosted is the [Prince Albert Historical Society](#).

Several special recognitions will also be awarded. The [Conservation Learning Centre](#) just south of Prince Albert will be awarded the *Excellence in Education for Sustainable Development in the Community Award*. **Prairie Sky School** will receive the *Lyle Benko Future Generations Award* for its "[Miciwina sakahk: food forest](#)" project for outstanding Education for Sustainable Development in Kindergarten to Grade 12. **Luther College at the University of Regina** will receive the *Dr. Garth Pickard Award for Post-Secondary Excellence in Education for Sustainable Development* for its "[Project of Heart](#)."



The lunch keynote address on **The Gathering Place: Sustainability Past, Present and Future** will feature Dr. [Charles Hopkins](#), UNESCO Chair in Re-Orienting Education Toward Sustainability at York University. After the awards ceremony, the event's co-host will provide a guided historical tour of the downtown ending at the Museum's [Kistapinanihk/ Omanicye Makoca/ Tl'ogh tele The Gathering Place](#) exhibit which features Prince Albert's Indigenous history from 10,000 years ago to 1905.

[RCE Co-Coordinator, Dr. Roger Petry](#), is thrilled with the record number of applicants to this year's awards. "Saskatchewan has been and can continue to be a global leader in sustainable development, and all these recipients are positive, focused, creative, and deserving of recognition. Each has a wonderful story to tell, and our annual awards ceremony is an opportunity for them to shine."

The 2023 event is sponsored by Mosaic, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, University of Saskatchewan, SaskEnergy, P3Architect Partnership, SIGA, Champion College, Diamond North Credit Union, Luther College at the University of Regina, MacPherson Engineering, SaskTel, SaskWater, SaskOutdoors and University of Regina.

Members of the public are welcome but must pre-register with the Event Coordinator at [rcesk.event@gmail.com](mailto:rcesk.event@gmail.com). A link to the event's livestream is also available from the Event Coordinator.

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## Agenda, May 3, 2023

- 8:30 a.m. Registration Desk Opens/ Morning Snacks
- 9:30 a.m. Event Start: MC Dr. Roger Petry
- 9:35 a.m. Entrance of Vice-Regal Party
- 9:40 a.m. Knowledge Keeper Leah Dorion
- 9:50 a.m. Address by His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan
- 9:55 a.m. Awards Ceremony
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:15 p.m. Awards Ceremony Continues
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Keynote Address: [Dr. Charles Hopkins](#): *The Gathering Place: Sustainability Past, Present and Future*
- 1:45 p.m. Tours of the Historic Downtown Prince Albert and the [Kistapinanihk/ Omanicye Makoca/ Tl'ogh tele The Gathering Place](#) Exhibit at the Historical Museum.

### For more information:

- RCE Event organizer: Margret Asmuss, [rcesk.event@gmail.com](mailto:rcesk.event@gmail.com) or (306) 654-2075
- RCE Saskatchewan: Dr. Roger Petry, [roger.petry@uregina.ca](mailto:roger.petry@uregina.ca);
- RCE Saskatchewan background: [www.saskrce.ca](http://www.saskrce.ca) and [What is RCE Saskatchewan Video](#)
- Live Stream Event contact [rcesk.event@gmail.com](mailto:rcesk.event@gmail.com)
- [Prince Albert Historical Society](#)
- For media interviews with recipients and organizers: Jill Forrester, text (306) 537-1809.



**RCE Saskatchewan 2023 Award Recipients**

**Municipal and Band-Led Projects**

<a href="#">Business Recycling Regulation and Education Program</a>	City of Saskatoon
<a href="#">Saskatoon Home Energy Loan Program</a>	City of Saskatoon
<a href="#">Cowesses First Nation Solar Project</a>	Cowesses First
Elm Wood Disposal Pilot	Nation City of
<a href="#">City of Regina Waste Management Centre Education Room</a>	Saskatoon City of

**Projects by Cultural, Faith, Non-profit and Community-based Organizations**

<a href="#">The Meewasin App – Meewasin Valley Authority</a>	Meewasin Valley Authority, Saskatoon
Southern Solutions	<a href="#">Sask. Environmental Society</a>
<a href="#">Exploring the Wildwoods of Saskatoon</a>	Friends of Saskatoon Afforestation
Craik, SK - Our Blooming Cultural Community	<a href="#">Craik Communities in Bloom</a>
<a href="#">Let's Talk Outdoors Podcast</a>	SaskOutdoors
<a href="#">The Regina Art Park Urban Forest</a>	Phil Johnston et al.
<a href="#">Development of the “Home: Life in the Anthropocene” Gallery</a>	Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Regina
Habitat Conservation Area – Friends of Wascana Marsh	<a href="#">Friends of Wascana Marsh, Regina</a>
<a href="#">Tending to Creation at Immanuel Anglican Church</a>	Immanuel Anglican Church, Regina

**Excellence in Education for Sustainable Development in the Community Award**

<a href="#">Conservation Learning Centre</a>	Conservation Learning Centre, Prince Albert
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**Lyle Benko Future Generations Award (Excellence in K-12 Education for Sustainable Development)**

<a href="#">Miciwina sakahk: food forest</a>	Anna Rose and Prairie Sky School, Regina
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**Post-Secondary Initiatives and Course-based Projects by Post-Secondary Students**

<a href="#">URSU Cares</a>	University of Regina Students Union
Technological development to mitigate filamentous algal blooms in Lake Diefenbaker’s irrigation canals	<a href="#">Students of Dr. Stephanie Young, University of Regina</a>
<a href="#">Faculty Fellows</a>	University of Saskatchewan
<a href="#">Municipal Solid Waste Monitoring During COVID 19</a>	Dr. Kelvin Tsun Wai Ng and Tanvir S. Mahmud, University of Regina
<a href="#">University of Saskatchewan Sustainability Strategy 2021 - 2030</a>	University of Saskatchewan
Team Spot	Student Project, University of Regina



## Health Humanities in Application

Emma Lake Water Assessment and Environmental Stewardship

## Sustainability in Action Capstone Course

## Rescuing Hand-Sound-Based Bathymetry Maps

## Transdisciplinary Education Collaboration for Transformations in Sustainability (TRANSECTS)

Utilizing Biocementation to Mitigate Calcite Formation

## Multispecies Methods Research Symposium

Wastewater Treatment Process Retrofits for the First Nations

## Saskatchewan Farmer and Rancher Mental Health Initiative

## French Translation of Energy Course and E-

SDG Expo and SDG Multiplier Training

Christian Riegel and Katherine M.  
Robinson, University of Regina

Saskatchewan Polytechnic and District of  
Lakeland No. 521

School of Environment and Sustainability,  
University of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Polytechnic

University of Saskatchewan

Student Project, University of Regina

School of Environment and Sustainability,  
University of Saskatchewan

## Students of Dr. Stephanie Young, University of Regina

Dr. Michelle Pavloff et. al, Saskatchewan  
Polytechnic

La Cite universtaire francophone, University  
of Regina

Non-profit and Voluntary Sector Studies  
Network and the Sask. Council for  
International Cooperation

## **Dr. Garth Pickard Award for Post-Secondary Excellence in Education for Sustainable Development**

## Project of Heart

Luther College at the University of Regina