

2016 CEPI GOLDEN AWARDS



ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

Each year, the Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (CEPI), through the Golden Awards recognizes the achievements of individuals or groups who have had a positive impact by helping protect and/or restore the natural environment of the Bras d'Or Lakes and its watershed.

Deadline for nominations is October 21st, 2016.

Applicants can be self-nominated, or nominations may be made on someone else's behalf.

Finalists in each category will be selected using the following criteria or guidelines:

- The project/achievement has a positive impact by helping protect and/or restore the natural environment in the Bras d'Or Lakes and its watershed.
- Preference will be given to activities that show measureable and beneficial environmental impacts as a result of their implementation.
- Nominations should describe activities or initiatives that were completed between January 1st and December 31st of the current year.
- The activity or initiative benefited the natural environment.
- The project encourages stewardship behaviours or actions.
- Preference will be given to projects that have achieved positive change through action that went above and beyond required operations.
- Demonstrates successful partnerships with other community or business stakeholders where possible.
- Be reproducible, where possible, so that others in the Bras d'Or Lakes area can also implement the activity.

Nominations will be accepted until **October 21st, 2016** in the following categories:

1. Youth

- The nomination may be for an individual student, school group or club, community youth group, or for a school-wide activity.
- Environmental action program.
- The nominee should demonstrate excellence in areas such as, but not limited to:
 - i. An activity that took place in a school or community
 - ii. A one-time event, or an ongoing activity scheduled regularly throughout the school year
 - iii. Extracurricular activities
 - iv. Activities that supplement an establish educational curriculum
- The individual should not be directly affiliated with the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning initiative.

2. Individual Adult

- The nomination in the individual adult category requires that most of the planning and implementation of the project has been done by an individual in collaboration with others to complete the project.
- The individual should not be directly affiliated with or be a representative on the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning initiative.

3. Business and Industry

- Successful nominations should go beyond regulatory requirements at municipal, provincial or federal levels.
- Business and industries of all sizes are eligible.
- Business or industry nominees should document measurable improvements to the environment as a result of the action taken.
- The business or industry should not be directly affiliated with or be a representative on the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning initiative.

4. Community Group, Municipality or First Nation

- Nominees in this category should be involved with meeting the public needs or interests of a community, including volunteer activities conducted by area groups on behalf of the community or tribe.
- The Community Group, Municipality or First Nation group should not be directly affiliated with or be a representative on the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning initiative.

Submission Information

- A completed nomination form must be received by CEPI no later than **October 21st, 2016**.
- Send any supporting materials or documentation to stan.johnson@brasdorcepi.ca.

Judging Process

- Judges will include members of the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative.
- Winners will be contacted in June.
- All winners will be promoted throughout Cape Breton using local media, the CEPI website and social media.

For more information

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