
2026 Heritage Awards Recipients

Heritage Awareness

Alberta's History Through a New Lens

Calgary Civic Trust Society

A seven-part video series that explores Alberta's history through the theme of innovation and economic contributions that have shaped the province. The videos bring together diverse voices to share new perspectives on Alberta's heritage.

Braiding Blackfoot Knowledge

Dr. Lindsay Amundsen-Meyer

A collaborative, multi-year initiative with Siksika First Nation and Old Sun Community College that brings together archaeological research and Blackfoot knowledge to support heritage protection, land policy and community capacity in the heritage field.

Morleyville: Stories of the Land and People Interpretive Trail

McDougall Stoney Mission Society

An interpretive trail featuring 18 signs that share stories of the land and its people through community-guided storytelling, supporting reconciliation, education and greater public understanding of Alberta's history.

Bigstone Cree Nation Historic Signage Initiative

Darren DeCoine, Bigstone Cree Nation

Heritage markers sharing the history of eight culturally significant locations within Bigstone Cree Nation's territory. Developed with guidance from Elders, Knowledge-Keepers and land users, the signs incorporate Cree translations, syllabics and archival materials to increase awareness of significant cultural sites and their histories.

Heritage Conservation

Petro-Fina Building

Astra Group and Peoplefirst Developments

The conservation and adaptive reuse of Calgary's former Petro-Fina Building, a Municipal Historic Resource, transformed the 1960s office tower into 103 residential homes while protecting its heritage significance.

Rehabilitation of Four Municipal Historic Resources

City of Edmonton

The rehabilitation of city-owned Municipal Historic Resources - the Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool, Stone House and Summer Kitchen, Ortona Armoury, and Hawrelak Park Pavilions - conserved significant architectural and heritage features while supporting the continued use of these important historic places.

Nikka Yuko Centennial Garden

City of Lethbridge

Conservation of the Tea Pavilion's porch roof addressed the deterioration of original wood elements, helping preserve a key architectural feature of the Nikka Yuko Centennial Garden and an important setting for interpretation and programming.

Livingston

Brookfield Residential (Alberta) LP

The protection and management of palaeontological resources during development of the Livingston community in Calgary has resulted in 79 recorded fossil sites. Fossils recovered from the development have contributed to collections, research and scientific understanding at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology.

Outstanding Achievement

Dr. PearlAnn Reichwein

A distinguished scholar, educator and heritage advocate, Dr. Reichwein has dedicated decades to the preservation and presentation of Alberta's heritage. Her contributions span Canadian sport history, mountain parks, teaching, scholarship and community heritage, enriching understanding and appreciation of Alberta's history.

Athabasca University

For more than two decades, Athabasca University's Heritage Resources Management Program has strengthened heritage conservation, museum practice and community stewardship in Alberta. Through professional education and practicum opportunities with museums and heritage organizations across the province, the program has helped develop and support Alberta's heritage sector.

Dr. Jenna Bailey

A public historian, educator and documentary filmmaker, Dr. Bailey has used oral history, research and film to bring Alberta's history to wider audiences. Her work includes *Brainstorm*, a documentary exploring the groundbreaking contributions of Alberta neuroscientists and demonstrating the power of public history to make complex subjects accessible and relevant.

David Ridley

With more than 30 years of experience in museum research, archives, public history, heritage planning and community engagement, David Ridley has made significant contributions to Alberta's heritage sector. His leadership with the Edmonton Heritage Council has supported new approaches and initiatives that strengthen how Edmonton's diverse heritage is preserved, interpreted and shared.