

Celebrating Municipal Excellence

Nomination Form

Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021

Nominee Contact Information	
Name of municipality/ municipalities being nominated: <small>(please include the names of all partner municipalities)</small>	Town of Assiniboia
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Name of Nominated Practice or Project:	Stephanie VanDeSype
Date of Project or Practice Initiation:	April 1, 2020
Date of Project or Practice Completion: <small>(If ongoing, please indicate)</small>	November 6, 2021
	Ongoing: <input type="checkbox"/>

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Please remember when filling out your nomination that winning practices are posted in the Best Practices Library, so be sure to include all information that may be helpful to others if it were to be used as a reference or resource.

The Practice

1. What was the issue that inspired the nominated project or practice?
2. What has this project or practice done to address the issue?

Stephanie is our Town's Wellness and Recreation director, and during the pandemic she has been nothing short of inspiring with all of her ideas and projects to keep up the spirits and well being of citizens in our community, young and old.

This "project" is her passion and continues to this very day as she continuously comes up with new ideas to involve everyone in participating. Her goal is inclusion not leaving anyone and hoping that everyone is aware that no one is alone

The Process

This section should be the longest and most detailed part of your nomination. Include enough information so that a municipality interested in applying the same project or practice can follow your steps.

3. Indicate who had a direct role in this project or practice:

- Municipal Council
- Municipal Administration
- Other

4. What was the role of the municipal council and/or municipal staff in this project or practice?
5. Were other groups were involved in developing this project or practice? If so, who were they and what role did they play?
6. What resources were involved?
7. How was the project or practice developed?

When Stephanie gets an idea, everyone gets on board and pitches in to lend a hand. She comes up with ideas and enlist's the assistance of community members, the rest of the administration staff to help volunteer in some capacity as well not only sharing ideas with Council, but also getting their assistance in lending a hand or pitching in where needed. With one of the projects our "Better Together program" she had the assistance of council, local business as well as law enforcement in our community. Even today every Tuesday is labelled "Better Together " Tuesday where most folks in town wear their better together t-shirts.

Our community got on Board with the Better Together program, she gathered a committee including myself and local law enforcement. T-shirts were ordered and sold through a local business and distributed to the public, if one person or a business wanted to donate funds for t-shirts monies were collected and t-shirts were purchased for the schools, as we dressed entire schools with t-shirts through donations. We held weekly bbq's where different groups volunteered their time to work the bbq, funds raised through the bbq's were used to put on local free events such as our "Funday Sunday" in our park including bouncy castles. Twice this year we also held a movie in the park again free for community folks to come with their family attend. Monies also were utilized to provide craft projects for all ages, including chalk for sidewalks. Last Christmas she also organized a scavenger

hunt to be competed by driving around town in your car looking for items or completing the many puzzles/quizzes.. Right now she has stuffed every town mailbox with a poppy on a piece of paper and similar to our paper hearts in our window when the pandemic began, we will place our paper poppy's in our window to show support. If that wasn't enough there was also online bingo for those to tune in to. She consistently stayed in tune with everyone by daily posts on facebook, even if only to tell a corny joke or two.

The Results

8. What effect did this project or practice have on the community?
9. Was a formal evaluation done after the project or practice was completed?
10. Describe any challenges faced.

The effect was an overwhelming success, folks felt "together" knowing they weren't alone, people felt connected to each other, seeing our windows in town with paper hearts on them (still some have to this day) encouraged a feeling of togetherness and sense of community. The chalk drawings on the sidewalks always brought a smile to anyone's face. Wearing your "bacon and eggs" or "salt and pepper" t-shirt on Tuesdays, going out and about your day, maybe seeing a person wearing the same shirt and giving a wave or smile. Stephanie is always looking for ideas and is not afraid to share them with the rest of council enlist the help of volunteers and get going. She, herself gets a little down on some days but continues to put one foot in front of the other and greet the day with a smile and positive attitude. We are ongoing with these and many other programs and never know what Stephanie has planned next! We look forward to lending a hand in any way to ensure that these programs are a success.

Lessons Learned

11. What lessons were learned and what would you recommend doing differently?
Remember, all nominations will become part of the Best Practices Library, so be sure to include specific information.

Lessons learned..... I don't think we would do anything different! Stephanie did an excellent job given the barriers and obstacles of this pandemic, she truly was one of our driving forces in our community with all of her programs that keep us together and strong and positive. I am so proud to have her as part of our management team at the office and I look forward to seeing what she has planned next!