



Celebrating Municipal Excellence
2023 Nomination Form
Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Nominee Contact Information	
Name of municipality/ municipalities being nominated: <small>(please include the names of all partner municipalities)</small>	Rural Municipality's of Saltcoats, Orkney, Cana & Wallace
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Name of Nominated Practice or Project:	Road Allowance Project
Date of Project or Practice Initiation:	02/08/22
Date of Project or Practice Completion: <small>(If ongoing, please indicate)</small>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div></div> <div>Ongoing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> </div>

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Please provide as much detail as possible. Winning practices are posted in the Best Practices Library as a reference or resource to others. Nominations that clearly outline the practice and all steps involved have a higher chance of being selected for an award.

The Practice

1. What issue inspired the nominated project or practice?

The destruction of municipal road allowances driven by changing farm practises and the misguided belief that road allowances are of no value in their natural state. The Yellowhead Nature Society believes that the road allowances have great value as natural habitat for all manner of wildlife that grows and thrives in that narrow corridor. We believe that it is not too late to preserve some of these roads in their natural state for All to Enjoy

2. What has this project or practice done to address the issue?

The Yellowhead Nature Society / tasked a committee to discuss the disappearance of road allowance habitat. Meetings were held and it was decided that a sign be placed at designated roads promoting the value of the road. The four RM's were approached by committee members who asked for and received permission from each RM with the caveat that each road be approved by council before a sign could be installed on that road. The RM retains as always jurisdiction of the road.

The Process

This section should be the longest and most detailed part of your nomination. Include enough information, such as steps, resources accessed, and considerations to support a municipality interested in applying the same project or practice.

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

- ☒ Municipal Council
☐ Municipal Administration
☒ Other

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4. What was the role of the municipal council and/or municipal staff in this project or practice?

The project would not be successful without the councils permission.

5. Were other groups were involved in developing this project or practice? If so, who were they and what role did they play?

Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Assoc.(YFBTA) is the funding organization and a key supporter of Yellowhead Nature Society. The YNS committee are all members of the association.

6. What resources were involved?

Initial funding and ongoing came from the YFBTA. We have received many individual donations and voluntary help. The actual signs were sourced at local Yorkton business's.

7. How was the project or practice developed?

A very good committee that made a decision and then put it in practice.

In practise we asked each RM council for permission to install signs in their RM .

- We asked for a letter showing a recorded motion granting permission for the installation of signs in the RM.
- We agreed that each designated road or roads would be approved by council before a sign could be installed on that road.
- Council would have full jurisdiction as always.
- We encourage the use of our sign as a template by other RM's

The Results

8. What effect did this project or practice have on the community?

The response from the general public has been very positive. I think they were looking for leadership on this issue. We have received donations from supporters in other provinces and countries. We have received requests from ratepayers to have a road designated and have been able to honour the request after receiving RM approval. To this date we have installed 86 signs in the four RM's and there has been minimal difference of opinion.

9. Was a formal evaluation done after the project or practice was completed? Please explain.

We have not met to do a formal evaluation at this time. That meeting will take place in early January /24. Informally we are resting our laurels. Some discussion has occurred but no decision's taken at this date.

10. Describe any challenges faced.

Good discussions led to good decisions.

Lessons Learned

11. What lessons were learned and what would you recommend doing differently?

The cooperation from the RM councils was very important to our success. I think what we proposed presented a different point of view to the RM's and we were very pleased with their support for the road allowance project. We did not tell the RM councils what to do, we asked for their permission.

