

Celebrating Municipal Excellence 2022 Nomination Form

Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25, 2022

Nominee Contact Information		
Name of municipality/ municipalities being nominated: (please include the names of all partner municipalities)	Town of Raymore	
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Name of Nominated Practice or Project:	Raymore recreation park	
Date of Project or Practice Initiation:	May 1, 2014	
Date of Project or Practice Completion: (If ongoing, please indicate)	July 30, 2022	Ongoing: 🗆

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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?

Our old swimming pool had issues with pipes separating underneath which meant complete tear up. We then focused on fundraising for a new pool which was completed in 2015.

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

The new pool solved the issue of the old one not being repairable. It then continued to escalate with other organizations contributing to add more recreation to the park.

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

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

The town council played the role of approving and allowing several organizations to enhance recreation in our park. The town also contributed to part of the recreation park.

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

There was several groups that took charge and added to our park It started with Raymore save our swimming pool organization!



6. What resources were involved?

7. How was the project or practice developed?

It was step 1 in creating a beach entry pool with double racer slide rock climbing wall, diving board spray pad and more! Second was town of Raymore stepping up and contributing a beautiful playground structure with a long zip line in 2017 our Raymore entertainment committee worked hard for many years sprucing up our ball diamonds with shale and new fences adding men's and women's bathrooms, over head lights and more creating this to improve facility for hosting Raymore Summer Slam. Next was Raymore community improvements community who developed an 18-hole min golf course with it being zero maintenance and landscaped so beautiful adding another recreation attraction to our park! The Town of Raymore then completed this section with upgrading our camping sites which is located right there to 50-amp service with water for campers. We made all the sites zero maintenance there also! This creates people to stop for a night or for a week and enjoy our attractions! The resources involved was all local volunteers who contributed in various ways to get this project completed! Developing came by itself hate to use the word luck but wasn't really planned! There was a vision of the swimming pool and then other organizations stepped up to contribute and make it one the nicest parks around. Each organization adding a piece to create a beautiful park

The Results

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

This park has several benefits it gives families of all ages something to do right in your own back yard. Creating fun for all ages! It draws people to our community, people travel from far away to enjoy our facility which is a bonus to our businesses as for when anyone stops in your town, they usually spend money at our businesses whether it be gas, food or just a bottle of water purchased it ads to our businesses.

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



10. Describe any challenges faced.

As any projects always challenges which we believe in Raymore every problem has a solution!! You just need to solve it in the best way possible. Probably the number one and maybe the only one was MONEY, most the money was fundraised and borrowed which needed to be paid back. The visions get set and when execution of the project takes place money is needed, groups fundraised, and town of Raymore borrowed to couple the organizations to help with there execution of the projects which moneys paid back very quickly as completion of projects got done!

Lessons Learned

11. What lessons were learned and what would you recommend doing differently? These projects ran very smoothly thanks to great volunteers and many businesses and individuals contributing to completion of our park! Prob the biggest thing is do it right the first time as what u don't do today will cost more tomorrow!! Getting community to work together is huge success and very rewarding for our community!! On all these projects they went so smooth that not a lot of things we would have wanted to do different!!! Great job Raymore!!

All nominations will be listed on the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards website as a resource for other municipalities. Be sure to include specific information.

Please submit your completed nomination package to: **E-mail**: <u>awards@municipalawards.ca</u> (preferred) **Fax**: Attn: Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Program **Mail**: Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, Unit 305 – 4741 Parliament Avenue, Regina, SK S4W 0T9

> Questions? Contact Stephanie Bourassa at 306-525-4318.

Thank you for submitting a nomination for the 16th annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards.

