

News Release

CAMA Presents Long Service Recognition Awards

Municipal Administrators From Across Canada Recognized

Victoria, BC (May 28, 2013) – The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrator's (CAMA) has presented its 2013 Long Service Recognition Awards. In total, 78 municipal administrators from across Canada were recognized.

Just over 30 awards for 20, 25, 30 and 35-years of service, as well as one Distinguished Service Award, were presented at CAMA's Long Service Awards Luncheon held during the association's national conference in Victoria, BC. Letters of congratulations and recognition pins were mailed to municipal administrators having completed 10 and 15 years of municipal service in April.

"I am thrilled we can provide this kind of recognition to our members for their dedication to public service and municipal management," said Ron Shaw, president of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Stratford, ON.

Sandy Gray, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Courtenay, BC was presented with the only 2013 Distinguished Service Award handed out during the awards luncheon. He has over 28 years experience in municipal government.

Mr. Gray has served as Acting City Manager for Nanaimo, BC (1985-1986), CAO of the Township of Esquimalt, BC (1987-2000), and most recently as CAO of Courtenay, BC (2002-2013). He also served as the Executive Director of the Local Government Association of BC from 2000-2002. He has been a CAMA member for over 15 years.

The breakdown of 2013 Long Services Awards is as follows: Ten Years of Service: 23; Fifteen Years of Service: 10; Twenty Years of Service: 10; Twenty-Five Years of Service: 19; Thirty Years of Service: 8; and, Thirty-Five Years of Service: 8. This is the second year of CAMA's long service recognition program. For a complete list of the recipients, click [here](#).

Background

CAMA's Long Service Recognition Awards program, implement in January 2011, is based on the number of years of full-time, paid employment in a local government in a management capacity, either as a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or reporting directly to a CAO. The Long Service Recognition Awards are granted after ten years of service and given in five year increments after that. They will be presented each spring from this point forward.

Distinguished Service Award recipients received a special inscribed plaque and letter from the CAMA president to the Mayor or Council Head of the CAO's municipal Council. The 20, 25, 30 and 35-year recipients were presented with a service pin, appropriate to the number of years of service, a letter and an inscribed plaque. Recipients in the 10 and 15-year categories were mailed a letter and service pin earlier, appropriate to the years of service.

The Distinguished Member Award recognizes any CAMA member who has been in the position of a Chief Administrative Officer or City Manager position for 25-years or more, and who has been a CAMA member for at least 10 years.

About CAMA:

A Canada-wide network and the national voice of senior municipal administrators, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) strives to nurture and build municipal administrative excellence by providing its more than 500 members with knowledge sharing and learning opportunities, access to best practices, and valued input into policies and programs aimed at ensuring healthy and thriving communities across Canada.

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