

Samuel A. Dickson Award

ABOUT SAMUEL A. DICKSON

The *Samuel A. Dickson Award* is presented to a Fort Edmonton Foundation supporter each year.

Mr. Dickson gathered the community together as a Rotarian, member of the Northern Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers' Association, and then as a member of the Edmonton Museum Committee.

It wasn't until 1965 when Mr. Dickson was 89 years old that the discussion to develop a heritage park was brought to the City Council. In 1967 commitment was granted, in 1969 the Fort Edmonton Historical Foundation was founded, and in May of 1974, the gates to Fort Edmonton Park were opened.

THE AWARD

This award provides an opportunity for the Foundation to recognize and profile longstanding supporters. These supporters have dedicated their hearts, time, and financial gifts to the development of Fort Edmonton Park and the efforts of the Fort Edmonton Foundation. They are ambassadors and champions - much like Mr. Dickson.

By honouring our donors and supporters with this award we help keep the legacy of Samuel A. Dickson alive.



NOMINATIONS

The Samuel L. Dickson Award will be awarded on an annual basis. A sub-committee of Fort Edmonton Foundation Board of Directors and the Fort Edmonton Foundation Executive Director or staff designate will review the nominations and bring forward a list of qualified nominees to the April board meeting at which time a vote will be taken. **The recipient will receive an award and an annual pass for two years to Fort Edmonton Park.**

AWARD CRITERIA

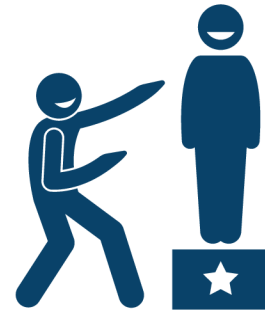
Nominations will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Nominator must receive consent from the nominee to be nominated for the award
- Time commitment and longevity of involvement with Fort Edmonton Foundation
- Volunteer contributions
- Donations/financial support (philanthropy and/or sponsorship)
- Ambassadorship- the individual's or organization's ability to promote the brand and mission of Fort Edmonton Foundation and/or influence community support for Fort Edmonton Foundation related projects and activities

Past nominees will be considered. However, nominees cannot have received the Samuel A. Dickson Award in the previous five (5) years.



Once a winner is selected, the award subcommittee, in consultation with Fort Edmonton Foundation staff and others as required, will determine when and how the award will be presented to the winner. The award will be presented at the Fort Edmonton Foundation President's Reception or at another FEF official event.



THE PROCESS

Fort Edmonton Foundation (FEF) will issue a call for nominations for the award November 5, 2024.

The Fort Edmonton Foundation will promote the award and call for nominations using social media, website postings, email marketing, word of mouth/referral and other promotional activities.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Fort Edmonton Foundation Executive Director by use of the online form, e-mail or mail by 4:00 pm MST March 31st, 2025

A subcommittee of the Fort Edmonton Foundation Board of Directors will adjudicate nominations in April after the March 31, 2025 deadline has passed. Their recommendations will be brought to the Fort Edmonton Foundation Board of Directors who will then vote on the winner at the April board meeting.

The President or designate will inform both the nominator and the award recipient. The Executive Director will ensure that all nominators & nominees receive written notice of the results.

NOMINATE A LEADER!



AWARD RECIPIENTS

2023



Rotary District 5370

BRENT COLLINGWOOD - DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Rotary 5370 is foundational to Fort Edmonton Park's existence and played a pivotal role in the creation of the Fort Edmonton Foundation. The original 1967 plans required an annual budget of \$600,000 over 20 years, with \$400,000 to be raised by the Foundation each year. Early fundraising initiatives, such as the "Buy a Log" campaign in 1971 and pledges of \$100 annually over five years, helped bring the Fort to life. In 1972, the Voyageur Program was launched, drawing 450 members from various backgrounds within a year, all pledging funds and support. Authenticity quickly became the Park's guiding principle. The Rotary Clubs of Edmonton contributed significantly to Fort Edmonton Park, including \$121,155 in 1980 toward the railway station. Beyond monetary support, Rotary members have donated countless volunteer hours, acted as ambassadors,

2022



Michael Paul

Edmonton Park was evident through his almost daily walks there during the summer and his recruitment of esteemed board members, including Historian Laureate Tim Marriott, Jim Wachowich, Past Presidents Andrew Otway and Jason Clarke, and current President Grace Kallal. Michael also played a pivotal role in the Capital Campaign for the expansion project and the "Light the Midway" initiative.

Together with his wife, Colleen, Michael generously donated \$25,000 to the Foundation. He remains an ambassador and active community supporter, encouraging legacy giving. One of Michael's proudest achievements as President was immersing the Board in the Park experience by holding meetings and meals in various rentable buildings, creating valuable learning opportunities for all.

His fundraising philosophy—"give, get, or get out"—was clear and impactful: board members were encouraged to give their time and resources, recruit others to do the same, or step aside. Michael's leadership challenged the Board to elevate its efforts, and he succeeded in inspiring a stronger, more dedicated team.

PAST RECIPIENTS



- 2021** Margaret and Mario Min
- 2020** Jeff Polovick
- 2019** Anna and Richard Fahrion
- 2018** Sue Currie
- 2017** ATCO
- 2016** Bill Graham
- 2013** John & Barbara Poole (posthumously)
- 2012** Dr. George Buck
- 2011** Ada Hole
- 2010** Alan and Alice Bell
- 2009** Edward Allen and Dr. Elizabeth Donald
- 2008** Emilie Ryan
- 2007** Margaret (Wudel) Anderson and George Stout
- 2006** John Howard
- 2005** Don Smith
- 2004** Grace Rumbold
- 2003** Garth Campbell
- 2002** James Campbell, Sylvia Kennedy, Margaret Linton
- 2001** Rae & Carol Allen

Activity:	Date or Deadline:
Nominations open	November 5th, 2024
Award nominations promoted	November 5th to March 31, 2025
Deadline for submissions	March 31st, 2025 4:00 pm MST
Sub-committee reviews nominations	April 1 - April 14, 2025
BOD reviews short list of nominations as recommended by the subcommittee & selects a winner	April Board Meeting
Winner(s) & nominator notified	April 30, 2025
All nominators & nominees notified of results	April 30, 2025
Award presented	President's Reception or another FEF Event

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION!

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION, BY EMAIL, MAIL OR USING THE *ONLINE FORM*

E-MAIL YOUR WRITTEN NOMINATION TO:

LORI FARQUHARSON PERSAUD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FORT EDMONTON FOUNDATION
EMAIL: LORI.FARQUHARSON@EDMONTON.CA

MAIL YOUR WRITTEN NOMINATION TO:

ATTN: LORI FARQUHARSON PERSAUD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FORT EDMONTON FOUNDATION

MAILING ADDRESS:

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*Thank
you!*