

TO: Mayors, Wardens, Councillors and CAO's, All Units

FR: Lyle Goldberg, Manager, Member Relations

RE: KEN SIMPSON MEMORIAL AWARD 2017 - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Ken Simpson Memorial Award for Outstanding Public Service and Leadership in Nova Scotia Municipal Government. This Award honours the memory of Kenneth Robert Bruce Simpson who served as UNSM Executive Director for 19 years, from 1990 to 2009. Ken passed away from cancer on April 17, 2011 at the age of 51.

The award is offered every two years. The inaugural recipient was Robert "Bob" Stead, former Mayor of the Town of Wolfville who was presented with the award at the 2013 UNSM Fall Conference. In 2015, former Town of Lunenburg Mayor Laurence Mawhinney was the recipient.

The establishment of the Ken Simpson Memorial Award provides an opportunity for the UNSM to recognize a current or former mayor, warden or councillor whose actions and demeanor demonstrates many of Ken's qualities, including:

- exceptional community leadership, statesmanship and commitment to good governance
- efforts that improve the quality of life for residents in the municipality
- personal qualities of integrity, intelligence and vision
- respect for others' views and treatment of municipal colleagues, employees and other stakeholders with courtesy, openness, patience and fairness.

Only current or former Nova Scotia municipal elected officials are eligible for nomination. Nominations may be made by elected officials of the member municipality and/or by municipal staff who have knowledge of the individual's contributions.

An Award Selection Committee is comprised of the UNSM President, Vice President, Immediate Past-President and Executive Director. The Committee shall select the successful applicant based on a scoring system from criteria developed by the Committee. The successful candidate will receive the award at the 2017 UNSM Fall Conference.

Nominations must be received at the UNSM office by September 30, 2017.

For detailed information on the program including application form, click [here](#).

For specific questions on the program, contact UNSM Manager of Member Relations Lyle Goldberg by phone (902-423-8673) or email (lgoldberg@unsm.ca).



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