



## Message from the Mayor



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, I extend sincere congratulations to everyone receiving a Salute to Excellence Award tonight.

As Mayor of this great city, I'm keenly aware that one of Edmonton's most valuable assets is our people — people like you — people who strive for, and achieve, excellence in their field of endeavour. From sports to community service, and arts and culture, all Salute to Excellence nominees and recipients have set the benchmark high. Tonight's inductees are a very special group of people.

This prestigious award program is truly community-driven, making the awards all the more meaningful. To be nominated for an award is an accomplishment in itself.

You are most deserving of the tributes being paid to you this evening. The City of Edmonton is very proud of you!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stephen Mandel'.

Stephen Mandel  
Mayor, City of Edmonton



# Welcome and Introductions

Fil Fraser, Salute to Excellence Awards Committee

## Greetings from the City of Edmonton

Mayor Stephen Mandel

## Presentation of Citation Awards

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## Presentation of Performance Awards

Art and Culture Awards

Individual Sport Awards

Team Sport Awards

Masters Individual Sport Awards

## Reception and Entertainment

Please join us for refreshments after the ceremony.



# Citation Awards

*The* City of Edmonton has justifiably earned its reputation as the City of Volunteers. Every facet of life in our city is enriched by the dedication of volunteers in arts and culture, sports and community service.

The Citation Award honours those individuals or groups who have given significant service and inspiring leadership in these areas.



## June Hole



June Hole is a self-motivated individual who has relentlessly pursued her personal goal to promote the physical fitness of seniors. She has donated more than 1600 hours of time and professional expertise in conducting classes aimed at helping seniors maintain their physical health. Hole has led fitness classes for seniors at the Strathcona Place Seniors Centre since 1990 and Highlands Place Seniors' Residence since 1996. She is a role model and mentor who continued her own self-improvement in order to better serve her students — completing a degree in Physical Education (Athletic Training and Conditioning) and graduating in 1994. Her dedication and cheerful, giving nature has greatly encouraged participants to achieve their personal fitness goals. Hole generously provides class equipment as part of her unstinting dedication to the promotion of senior's fitness.

## Ron Senda



Ron Senda is an athlete, coach, and mentor with more than 50 years participating in judo, as well as 33 years as head coach at the University of Alberta Judo club. Beginning judo at the age of eight, Senda holds a sixth degree black belt. He served as president of Judo Alberta from 1976-1982 — when the club increased from a few hundred to 1,800 members. He has been part of the provincial grading board since the mid seventies. Senda assisted in rewriting the Judo Canada Black Belt syllabus and has obtained the third highest international referee ranking. Senda received the Hokkaido Cup in March 2005 for lifetime achievement and dedication to the sport. His true passion is coaching — with great pleasure gained from seeing the efforts and successes of his students.

## Wojtek Wojcicki

Currently president, Wojtek Wojcicki has served on the Capital District Minor Football Association (CDMFA) executive for more than seven years. He is also vice-chair of the Edmonton Sports Council. Wojcicki leads the West Edmonton Raiders Football Club, where he has volunteered for more than 10 years as coach, director of football operations, and president. He led the Raider's as players quadrupled in numbers and overall membership increased from 700 to 3000 in five years. Under Wojcicki's guidance, Edmonton has grown to become Canada's premier minor football program. Wojcicki recognizes the importance of building young lives. His selfless actions with at-risk children and youth have been recognized by both parents and peers. Wojcicki has been recognized as coach of the week on Global Television (2001) and CDMFA Coach of the Year (2003).

## Janet Hughes



Janet Hughes has dedicated more than 30 years as an inner city volunteer. She served Operation Friendship as a board member for 11 years and was key in seeing the Pioneer Place Residence for seniors built. Hughes was the founding chairperson of the Edmonton Gleaners Association (Food Bank) and remained a board member for 23 years, with 15 years serving on the Program and Services Committee. Active with United Church Women at Roberson-Wesley Church, Hughes encouraged the group to provide food and clothing programs for inner city organizations, and continues annual support. Hughes has been involved with the church's Refugee Committee and established their food distribution depot for needy families. She has received an Honourary Degree from St. Stephen's College, Alberta Centennial Achievement Medal, and Rotary Club of Edmonton 2006 Integrity Award.



# Arts & Culture

## Performance Awards

### Firefly Theatre & Circus Society

Edmonton's Firefly Theatre performs on the ground and in the air — creating original works by fusing aerial arts and physical theatre. Productions involve using the trapeze and vertical rope, as well as aerial silks, hoops, and bungees. Performances have taken place inside theatres, in intersections, and suspended from buildings. This unique style of storytelling has created exciting and powerful performances for audiences throughout North America and Europe, including Canada Day 2007, London, England; the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.; the WinterCity Festival, Toronto; and numerous others. Firefly Theatre established Alberta's first program in aerial arts and continues to offer aerial circus classes and workshops to community members. Annual productions with *Fly by Night: circus-vaudeville* and *Let There Be Height: an aerial cabaret*. The Firefly Theatre has been recognized with the Syncrude Award for Innovative Artistic Direction (2007).

### Curtis Gillespie

An award-winning fiction and non-fiction author, Curtis Gillespie exhibits immense literary skill as well as a commitment to the Edmonton community. He is a founder and volunteer board member of the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts, which helps people with developmental disabilities experience fulfillment through creative self-expression. He mentors others through a number of creative endeavors, including the Banff Centre for the Arts — Wired Writing Studio and involvement in developing the City of Edmonton's cultural plan. Gillespie's first book, *The Progress of an Object in Motion* (2007) won the Henry Kreisel Award and the Danuta Gleed Literary Award. *Playing Through* (2002), a memoir of his father and meditation on fatherhood, was shortlisted for many awards. He has won three national magazine awards and his first novel, *Crown Shyness*, published this year, is garnering rave reviews.



# Sports Performance Awards – Individual Awards

## Badminton

### **Tammy Sun**

2007 Canadian Open Badminton Championships, Saskatoon, SK  
Gold, Mixed Doubles

### **Jonathan Wong**

2007 Canadian Junior Badminton Championships, Kitchener, ON  
Gold, U16 Singles

2007 Pan American Junior Badminton Championships, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico  
Bronze, Team

### **Bobby Milroy**

2007 Pan American Badminton Championships, Calgary, AB  
Gold, Team

2007 Russian White Knight Open, St. Petersburg, Russia  
Silver, Men's Singles

2007 AthletesCAN Leadership Award Winner, Whitehorse, Yukon  
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### **William Milroy**

2007 Canadian Badminton National Championships, St. Albert, AB  
Gold, Men's Doubles

2007 Pan American Badminton Championships, Calgary, AB  
Gold, Men's Doubles  
Gold, Team

2007 Canadian Open Badminton Championships, Saskatoon, SK  
Gold, Men's Doubles  
Gold, Mixed Doubles

### **David Ponich**

2007 Canadian Junior National Championships, Waterloo, ON  
Gold, U14 Boys Doubles

2007 Junior Pan American Championships, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico  
Gold, U15 Boys Doubles

### **Clinton Liu**

2007 Pan American Junior Badminton Championships, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico  
Bronze, U17 Singles





## BMX

### Daina Tuchscherer

2007 UCI BMX Worlds, Victoria, BC  
Silver, BMX Challenge (Girls 10 years)

## BOWLING

### Jennifer Baker

2007 Youth Bowling Canada Five-Pin National Finals, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Gold, Senior Girls Single

## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

### Madeleine Williams

2006–2007 NorAm Canada Cup Series  
Gold, 15km Classic, Rossland, BC  
Gold, 10km Classic, Smithers, BC  
Gold, 7.5km Skate, Smithers, BC

## DIVING

### Michelle Piper-Kulak

2007 Speedo Junior National Championships, Montreal, QC  
Gold, 3m (U11 Girls)

### Angelina Kroupko

2007 Junior Pan American Diving Championships, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Silver, Platform, Girls (14–15 years)  
2007 Junior National Championships, Montreal, Canada  
Silver, Platform, Girls (14–15 years)  
Silver, 3m Springboard, Girls (14–15 years)

## LIFESAVING

### Jonathan Kusyanto

2007 Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships, Martinique Beach, NS  
Gold, Beach Flags

## POWERLIFTING

### Wilma Shim

2007 World Sub-junior and Junior Powerlifting Championships, LaGarde, France  
Bronze, 52kg (Female Junior Powerlifter)  
2007 Canadian National Powerlifting Championships, Dartmouth, NS  
Gold, 3-lift (Squat, Bench-Press, and Dead Lift)  
Gold, Bench



## ROWING

### Zoë Hoskins

2007 Pan American Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Gold, Women's Quadruple Sculls

Silver, Women's Pair

## SWIMMING

### Nathan Kindrachuk

2007 Western Canada Summer Games, Sherwood Park, AB

Gold, 100m Breaststroke

2007 North America Challenge Cup, Los Angeles, CA

Gold, 100m Breaststroke (Boys 15–16 years)

Gold, 200m Breaststroke (Boys 15–16 years)

### Kier Maitland

2007 Canadian Spring Nationals, Victoria, BC

Gold, Men's 1500m Freestyle

2007 Pan American Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Bronze, Men's 1500m Freestyle

### Deanna Matthews

2007 SNC Age Group Nationals, Montreal, QC

Gold, 50m Backstroke (Girls 15 years)

Gold, 100m Backstroke (Girls 15 years)

2007 Western Canada Summer Games, Sherwood Park, AB

Gold, 200m Backstroke

Gold, 100m Backstroke

Gold, 200m Individual Medley

Gold, 400m Individual Medley

2007 North American Challenge Cup, Los Angeles, CA

Silver, 400m Individual Medley (Girls 15–16 years)

Bronze, 200m Backstroke (Girls 15–16 years)

Bronze, 200m Individual Medley (Girls 15–16 years)

### Lydia Schramm

2007 National Age Group Championships, Montreal, QC

Gold, 5000m Freestyle (Girls 15 years)

### Bobbie Mielnichuk

2007 National Age Group Championships, Montreal, QC

Gold, 100m Freestyle (Girls 16–18 years)

### Lindsay Morton

2007 North American Challenge Cup, Los Angeles, CA

Gold, 400m Individual Medley (Girls 17–18 years)

Silver, 200m Individual Medley (Girls 17–18 years)





## Lori-Layne Kremer

2007 SNC Age Group Nationals, Montreal, QC

Gold, 200m Butterfly (Girls 14 years)

2007 North American Challenge Cup, Los Angeles, CA

Gold, 100m Butterfly (Girls 13–14 years)

Gold, 200m Butterfly (Girls 13–14 years)

Bronze, 200m Individual Medley (Girls 13–14 years)

Bronze, 400m Individual Medley (Girls 13–14 years)

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Kris Vriend

2007 Para Pan American Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Gold, Shot Put

Gold, Discus

# Sports Performance Awards— Team Awards

## HANDBALL

**Team:** Alberta Junior Women's Provincial Handball Team

2007 Junior Canadian National Championships, Edmonton, AB

First Overall

Jaymie Bochon

Jaelyn Piatski

Jess Buhler

Shannon Proskow

Kate Fenton

Jen Randolph

Shody Gofrani

Melissa Smart

Paige Hornland

Laura Stafford

Alexis Krook

Jenny Taylor

Miranda Monty

Chrissy Wetzstein

**Head Coach:** Mike Nahmiash

# Sports Performance Awards – Individual Masters Awards

## HANDBALL

### Mark Broverman

2007 Canadian National Handball Championships, Montreal, QC  
Gold, Singles Four Wall (Men's 50+ years)

## SWIMMING

### Shirley Adams

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB  
Gold, Freestyle Relay (Women's 240–279 years)

### Grant Andruchow

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB  
Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Men's 160–199 years)  
Gold, 400m Medley Relay (Men's 160–199 years)  
Gold, 200m Freestyle Relay (Men's 160–199 years)

### Siubhan Drinnan

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB  
Gold, 50m Freestyle (Women's 30–34 years)  
Gold, 50m Butterfly (Women's 30–34 years)  
Gold, 100m Freestyle (Women's 30–34 years)  
Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Mixed 120–159 years)  
Gold, 400m Freestyle Relay (Mixed 120–159 years)

### David Ellis

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB  
Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Mixed 240–279 years)  
Gold, 200m Freestyle Relay (Mixed 240–279 years)

### Jose Ferraz

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships, Winnipeg,  
MB  
Gold, 200m Freestyle Relay (Mixed 240–279 years)  
Gold, 100m Freestyle (Men's 60–64 years)  
Gold, 50m Backstroke (Men's 60–64 years)  
Gold, 50m Freestyle (Men's 60–64 years)  
Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Mixed 240–279 years)



**Karen Fradette**

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB

- Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Mixed 240–279 years)
- Gold, 200m Freestyle Relay (Mixed 240–279 years)

**Erika Korbely**

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB

- Gold, 50m Butterfly (Women's 65–69 years)
- Gold, 200m Freestyle Relay (Women's 240–279 years)

**Barry Lewis**

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB

- Gold, 50m Freestyle (Men's 45–49 years)
- Gold, 100m Freestyle (Men's 45–49 years)
- Gold, 200m Freestyle (Men's 45–49 years)
- Gold, 400m Freestyle (Men's 45–49 years)
- Gold, 800m Freestyle (Men's 45–49 years)
- Gold, 200m Freestyle Relay (Men's 160–199 years)
- Gold, 400m Medley Relay (Men's 160–199 years)
- Gold, 400m Freestyle Relay (Mixed 120–159 years)
- Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Men's 160–199 years)

**Pat Long**

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB

- Gold, 4x50m Freestyle Relay (Women's 240–279 years)

**Andre Lucena**

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB

- Gold, 200m Freestyle Relay (Men's 160–199 years)

**Julie MacDonald**

2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB

- Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Mixed 120–159 years)
- Gold, 400m Freestyle Relay (Mixed 120–159 years)

## **Loreen McKellar**

**2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB**

- Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Mixed 240–279 years)
- Gold, 200m Freestyle Relay (Women's 240–279 years)
- Gold, 200m Freestyle Relay (Mixed 240–279 years)
- Gold, 50m Breaststroke (Women's 70–74 years)
- Gold, 100m Freestyle (Women's 70–74 years)

## **Alison Rudge**

**2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB**

- Gold, 50m Breaststroke (Women's 25–29 years)

## **Tim Salpeter**

**2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB**

- Gold, 400m Medley Relay (Men's 160–199 years)
- Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Mixed 120–159 years)
- Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Men's 160–199 years)

## **Barry Saretsky**

**2007 Canadian Masters National Swimming Championships,  
Winnipeg, MB**

- Gold, 100m Butterfly (Men's 35–39 years)
- Gold, 100m Individual Medley (Men's 35–39 years)
- Gold, 50m Butterfly (Men's 35–39 years)
- Gold, 400m Freestyle Relay (Mixed 120–159 years)
- Gold, 200m Freestyle Relay (Men's 160–199 years)
- Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Mixed 120–159 years)
- Gold, 400m Medley Relay (Men's 160–199 years)
- Gold, 200m Medley Relay (Men's 160–199 years)



## TRACK AND FIELD

### **Wolfgang Jeske**

2007 Canadian Masters National Outdoor Championship, St. John, NB

Gold, 100m

Gold, 200m

Silver, 400m

Silver, Long Jump

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### **Bruce Mintz**

2007 Canadian Masters National Outdoor Championship, St. John, NB

Gold, 100m (Men's 60–64 years)

Gold, 200m (Men's 60–64 years)

Gold, 400m (Men's 60–64 years)

Gold, 300m Hurdles (Men's 60–64 years)

Gold, Long Jump (Men's 60–64 years)



*The* Salute to Excellence Program is the City of Edmonton's primary civic recognition program. We host the Salute to Excellence Citation and Performance Awards in the fall and the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in June of each year.

The Salute to Excellence Committee is a volunteer group comprised of individuals representing Sport, Arts & Culture, and Community Service. For more information on the nomination process, please contact the Salute to Excellence Coordinator at 496-7380 or visit [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) and enter Salute to Excellence in the search box.

Many thanks to the Muttart Conservatory for donating the beautiful flowers.



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*Congratulations Everyone!*





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