

# **AUMA and SLGM announce winners of joint 2016 Municipal Awards**

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*(Edmonton, October 5, 2016)* The Board of Directors of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) is pleased to announce the 2016 recipients of the AUMA/SLGM Dedicated Team and Dedicated Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) awards. The Awards were presented last night at the AUMA President's Dinner, the first event of the AUMA Annual Convention and AMSC Trade Show being held this week at Edmonton's Shaw Convention Centre.

The two awards are jointly administered by the AUMA and the Society of Local Government Managers (SLGM).

This year's recipients – respectively – are the Town of Raymond's Strategic Initiatives Team, and Richard Binnendyk, CAO of the Town of Penhold.

"The recipients honoured with these awards have worked tirelessly to support their municipalities and the communities they serve," said Lisa Holmes, president of the AUMA. "On behalf of the members of our Association, we would like to congratulate the winners and thank them for their significant contributions."

"The 2016 recipients of the Dedicated CAO and Dedicated Team awards exemplify the qualities we seek in our community leaders," says Tim Timmons, chair of the SLGM. "Both recipients are bright stars and true leaders in our province. CAO Richard Binnendyk stood out for his impressive track record and for the significant respect by his peers. Likewise, the Town of Raymond was selected for their unwavering teamwork in undertaking numerous important initiatives over the years."

The Dedicated Team Award recognizes a municipal administration team for its outstanding contribution in the field of municipal administration, while the Dedicated CAO Award recognizes a CAO for long-term excellence and dedication to both municipal government and chief administrative management.

The AUMA Executive Committee and the SLGM reviewed all nominations, based on the criteria for each award.

Their recommendations were forwarded to the AUMA Board of Directors, who made the final decision.