

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Outstanding Albertans receive QE II Platinum Jubilee medals

**EDMONTON** – More than 150 outstanding Albertans received Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee medals yesterday at an invitation-only medal ceremony hosted by Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) at the Westin Edmonton ballroom.

Citizen community builders, sitting mayors and past ABmunis presidents and lifetime members from central and northern Alberta were on hand to receive medals in recognition of their significant contributions to Canada, Alberta and the communities in which they live and serve.

"Yesterday's medal ceremonies celebrated the remarkable contributions of so many community leaders and change-makers from across central and northern Alberta," said ABmunis President Cathy Heron. "These inspirational Albertans have shown us how we can accomplish great things when we support one another and work together to overcome challenges."

The Government of Alberta struck 7,000 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee medals to commemorate Her Majesty's unsurpassed 70-year reign. The medals are being distributed to worthy recipients on behalf of the provincial government by numerous partner organizations, including ABmunis.

Journalists may download photos from yesterday's medal awards ceremonies by visiting ABmunis' temporary Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee photo galleries:

- First Edmonton ceremony (Nov. 27, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.)
- Second Edmonton ceremony (Nov. 27, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

Please note the photo galleries are not captioned.

The **attached photo** features ABmunis President Cathy Heron presenting Edmonton Mayor Amarjeet Sohi with his medal at the second Edmonton ceremony on Nov. 27.

A similar ceremony will take place on Dec. 4 at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Calgary for about 100 more medal recipients from central and southern Alberta.

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From the smallest village to the largest city, across every region of the province, Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) represents the communities where over 85% of Albertans live. Previously known as the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), ABmunis was founded in 1905 to provide urban and rural-region communities a united voice. Alberta Municipalities now serves and represents 275 of Alberta's 334 municipalities.

We work with elected and administrative leaders of Alberta's summer villages, villages, town, cities, and specialized municipalities to advocate for solutions to their common issues, which we categorize as economic, environment, governance, infrastructure, or social.

And we help them build resilient and thriving communities by providing valuable services. We use our members' combined purchasing power to negotiate the best possible value and competitive pricing on employee benefits, insurance, energy, and other services needed to run an effective and efficient municipality.