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County businesses encouraged to take part in Landscaping Recognition Program

The County is encouraging commercial and industrial businesses to participate in the third annual Landscaping Recognition Program.

The program recognizes great landscaping that best meets the standards outlined in the County's Land Use Bylaw.

"County businesses take a great deal of pride in creating an environment that is visually appealing, respects the environment, and complements the street and the businesses around them," said Director of Planning and Development Nick Lapp. "It is important to recognize those efforts."

This year, two awards will be given out: Best Landscaped Lot and People's Choice Award. Nominations open June 10. The winner of the Best Landscaped Lot will be selected by the County Landscaping Committee based on the following criteria:

- Use of landscaping design principles from the County's Land Use Bylaw
- Shows effective year-round maintenance
- Shows effective use of trees, shrubs, and/or perennial planting
- Makes use of native vegetation
- Is an industrial or commercial business located within the County

Nine Energy Service was last year's overall winner.

"People have taken notice of the effort we put in to maintaining our office and shop grounds," said Mitch Bacon, Manager of Nine Energy Service in Clairmont. "Keeping our grass cut and the lot clean of litter is an easy way to add to the positive aesthetic of the local community."

To be eligible to participate, the business must first be nominated. The nomination form is available at www.countygp.ab.ca/landscape as well as the Community Services Building, the Dunes Fire Hall, the County Administration Building, and from participating businesses.

Nominations for both awards close on August 15, 2019. From August 16 to 23, people can visit the County of Grande Prairie's Facebook page to vote for the People's Choice Award Winner. The winners of both prizes will be announced by the end of August.

The two winning businesses will receive free advertisement in local media outlets, a write-up in the County Connections newsletter along with a plaque and banner to display in their business. The winner of the Best Landscaped Lot award will also receive a barbeque lunch for their staff and be featured on a County banner that will be displayed at various events throughout 2019 and 2020.



For more information, to learn more about contest participants, and to access the Land Use Bylaw and nomination form, go to www.countygp.ab.ca/landscape.

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