



ANNOUNCING THE FINALISTS! 2016 BCYCNA MA MURRAY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER AWARDS

2016 was a tough year in community newspapers, but you wouldn't know it based on the entries we received this year.

Here in the BCYCNA office we were very impressed with both the amount and the quality of the entries that came pouring in. And our judges felt the same way. Over and over, we heard the same things from judges, along the lines of, "It's wonderful how much great work is still out there. Clearly community papers in BC and Yukon are alive and well."

After compiling all of the judges' picks, we are very excited to announce the finalists here. The award categories are listed below by category division: ***Newspaper Excellence, Advertising, Photography, Writing, and Other***, in that order.

The deserving finalists for each category are then listed in alphabetical order by newspaper name (and then, where necessary, by last name of the first-listed individual).

Congratulations to all finalists and thank you so much to everyone who entered.

We hope to see you at the Ma Murray Awards Gala on **Saturday, May 7, 2016** at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond. Registration details will be announced shortly.

See you there!

NEWSPAPER EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Newspaper Excellence Award: Category A

Bowen Island Undercurrent
Haida Gwaii Observer
Rocky Mountain Goat

Newspaper Excellence Award: Category B

Ladysmith-Chemainus Chronicle
Oliver Chronicle
Revelstoke Review

Newspaper Excellence Award: Category C

Gulf Islands Driftwood
Squamish Chief
Whistler Question

Newspaper Excellence Award: Category D

Coast Reporter
Oak Bay News
Pique News Magazine

Newspaper Excellence Award: Category E

Campbell River Mirror
Peninsula News Review
Yukon News

Newspaper Excellence Award: Category F

Abbotsford News
Cowichan Valley Citizen
Peace Arch News

Newspaper Excellence Award: Category G

Kamloops This Week
Vancouver Courier
Vernon Morning Star

ADVERTISING AWARDS

Ad Campaign Award

Abbotsford News, Sue McMurchy - *Abbotsford Agrifair*
Mission City Record, Karen Murtagh & Kevin Plastow - *Rex Cox - Time to Upgrade*
The Chilliwack Progress, Carly Ferguson & Sarah Driediger - *Heart of the Arts*

Ad Campaign Award, Collaborative

Abbotsford News, Brittany Best - *The Style Influencers*
Westender, Angela Meier & Westender Staff - *Denman Liquor Store - Great Wine at Great Prices*
Whistler Question, John Parris - *Black Tie Ski Rentals*

Ad Design Award, Collaborative, Over 25,000

Saanich News, Rod Fraser, Teresa Laird & Oliver Sommer - *Seniors' and Military Discount*
Saanich News, Sarah Taylor, Teresa Laird & Oliver Sommer - *Fresh and Local*
Vancouver Courier, Manon Paradis, Tara Lalanne, Marina Rockey & Tori Clark - *Lumiere*

Ad Design Award, Collaborative, Under 25,000

Agassiz-Harrison Observer, Sarah Virteau & Jamie Letain - *Fraser Valley Soap & Candle Supply*

Coast Reporter, Ashley Doyle - *Elite Travel - Wish You Were Here*

Whistler Question, Lindsey Ataya - *RMOW Gelato Contest*

Ad Design Award, Over 25,000

Langley Advance, Bobbi Hill & Nancy Blow - *The Classic Style Store*

Westender, Angela Meier & Westender staff - *Greens Market*

Westender, Tara Rafiq & Westender staff - *Orazio's Olive Oil*

Ad Design Award, Under 25,000

Pique News Magazine, Lindsey Ataya - *Four Seasons Sidecut*

Pique News Magazine, Claire Ryan - *The Venue*

Whistler Question, Lindsey Ataya - *Cornucopia Picnic*

Classifieds Award

Campbell River Mirror, Rachel Beckley & team - *Campbell River Classifieds*

Coast Reporter, Shelley Alleyne, Kelly Shvartsman, Heather Till & Dimitri Shvartsman - *Coast Reporter Classifieds*

Pique News Magazine, Karl Partington & Claire Ryan - *Pique Classifieds*

Newspaper Promotion Award

Pique News Magazine, Lindsey Ataya - *Valentine's Day Contest*

Tri-City News, Matt Blair - *Rock On*

Westender, Tara Rafiq, Robert Mangelsdorf & Westender staff - *Best of the City*

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Feature Photo Award, Black & White

Cowichan Valley Citizen, Andrea Rondeau - *A hive of activity on moving day*

Salmon Arm Observer, Evan Buhler - *Flipping Over*

The Interior News, Alicia Bridges - *Sir Alfred Smithers*

Feature Photo Award, Colour, Over 25,000

Capital News, Kathy Michaels - *Curious about water*

Surrey, North Delta Leader, Boaz Joseph - *A puff of purple*

Vancouver Courier, Dan Toulgoet - *Hot Pursuit*

Feature Photo Award, Colour, Under 25,000

Salmon Arm Observer, Lachlan Labere - *Ruff Ride*

Yukon News, Joel Krahn - *Northern Lights Bonfire*

Yukon News, Tom Patrick - *Hanging Out*

Photo Essay Award

Chilliwack Times, Greg Laychak - *Oh! What a night*

Yukon News, Joel Krahn - *First Nations Celebration*

Yukon News, Peter Mather - *Gathering Place*

Portrait/Personality Photo Award

Nanaimo Daily News, Aaron Hinks - *Spirit Found*

Vancouver Courier, Rebecca Blissett – *Birdman*

Yukon News, Joel Krahn - *Snowshoe Maker*

Sports Photo Award, Over 25,000

Goldstream News Gazette, Arnold Lim - *Women's Rugby 7s*

North Shore News, Cindy Goodman - *Friendly Competition*

Surrey, North Delta Leader, Boaz Joseph - *Bust in the dust*

Sports Photo Award, Under 25,000

Alberni Valley News, Susan Quinn - *Parksville Rage pitcher Autumn Smith*

Shuswap Market News, Evan Buhler - *Fierce focus*

Yukon News, Tom Patrick - *Under Control*

Spot News Photo Award, Over 25,000

Chilliwack Times, Greg Laychak - *Scrapyard blaze*

Langley Times, Dan Ferguson - *Jose Figueroa finally goes home*

The Prince George Citizen, Brent Braaten - *Nancy O's fire*

Spot News Photo Award, Under 25,000

Oliver Chronicle, Lyonel Doherty - *Daring rescue*

The Interior News, Chris Gareau - *Main Street Fire*

Yukon News, Joel Krahn - *Grieving family*

WRITING AWARDS

Arts & Culture Writing Award

New Westminster Record, Julie MacLellan - *These glorious years*

North Shore News, Brendan McAleer - *Classic Cars Brought Back*

Yukon News, Maura Forrest - *Outfitter-turned-artists exhibit critiques trophy hunting*

Business Writing Award

Alaska Highway Daily News, Jonny Wakefield - *Adjusting to life without coal again*

Chilliwack Times, Greg Laychak - *Sto-lo getting on the brand-wagon*

Yukon News, Maura Forrest - *Yukon Zinc plans to axe royalties to discoverers of Wolverine deposit*

Columnist Award

Abbotsford News, Andrew Holota - *On Point: Political correctness charges homeless issue / Fear ourselves more than terrorism*

The Similkameen Spotlight, Andrea DeMeer - *Old Dog New Tricks*

Vancouver Courier, Jessica Barrett - *Is it time to leave Vancouver? / Pot Dispensaries need to grow up*

Editorial Award

100 Mile House Free Press, Ken Alexander - *IH needs to focus*

North Shore News, Jeremy Shepherd - *Addiction Friction*

Parksville/Qualicum Beach News, John Harding - *Daniel's story*

Environmental Initiative Award

Gulf Islands Driftwood, Elizabeth Nolan - *Salt Spring Conservancy*

North Shore News, Erin McPhee - *Reaping the Benefits*

Surrey Now, Tom Zillich - *Farming in the heart of Newton*

Environmental Writing Award

Abbotsford News, Tyler Olsen - *Warming Climate*

Burnaby Now, Jennifer Moreau - *The pipeline primer: Who, what, where, why and how?*

Richmond News, Philip Raphael - *Closing the net*

Feature Article Award, Over 25,000

Chilliwack Times, Paul Henderson - *'I need to get out of this dump'*

Parksville/Qualicum Beach News, Candace Wu - *Maggy's many challenges*

Westender, Kristyn Anthony - *Strutting for hope*

Feature Article Award, Under 25,000

Osoyoos Times, Keith Lacey, Richard McGuire, Linda Bolton & Ronda Jahn - *Wildfire rage in every direction*

Pique News Magazine, Glenda Bartosh, Clare Ogilvie & Jon Parris - *Reverse Course*

Tumbler Ridge News, Trent Ernst - *Morel Madness Strikes Tumbler Ridge*

Feature Series Award

North Shore News, Jane Seyd, Justin Beddall & Maria Spitale-Leisk - *Syrian Refugee Crisis*

Surrey, North Delta Leader, Sheila Reynolds - *Caring for Kids*

The Prince George Citizen, Samantha Wright Allen - *Life after Lakeland*

John Collison Memorial Award for Investigative Journalism

Abbotsford News, Tyler Olsen - *Kids in Crisis*

Lake Country Calendar, Kevin Parnell - *Yes campaign corridor rally / Like a David vs Goliath / OKIB keeps fighting old battle*

The Prince George Citizen, Samantha Wright Allen - *Living with brain injury*

Neville Shanks Memorial Award for Historical Writing

Nelson Star, Sam McBride - *The Nelson woman who HATED being famous*

Pique News Magazine, Alison Taylor, Clare Ogilvie & Jon Parris - *Still Searching*

The Prince George Citizen, Frank Peebles - *city's 100th anniversary build on village's ashes*

Outdoor Recreation Writing Award

North Shore News, Christine Lyon - *Mountain Man Hikes Back in Time*

North Shore News, Jane Seyd - *A Life on the Line*

Pique News Magazine, Dan Falloon, Clare Ogilvie & Jon Parris - *Back to their roots and rocks*

Sports Writing Award

Kamloops This Week, Adam Williams - *The Davoren Legacy*

Langley Times, Gary Ahuja - *Remembering Ryan*

Richmond News, Graeme Wood - *The Graeme Project*

OTHER AWARDS

Cartoonist Award

Revelstoke Review, Rob Buchanan - *Shopping centre*

Vancouver Courier, Geoff Olson - *Bill C-51*

Yukon News, Wyatt Tremblay - *Mining princess*

Eric Dunning Award for Dedication and Service to the Community Newspaper Industry

NOW Newspapers, Brad Alden

Ma Murray Community Service Award

Comox Valley Record, Terry Farrell - *Comox Valley Community Clean Up*

Haida Gwaii Observer, Quinn Bender & Stacey Marple - *Province shuts down after-death service*

Shuswap Market News, Rick Proznick & staff - *Community Leader Awards*

Online Innovation Award

Abbotsford News, Sue McMurchy - *Image Wedding Magazine*

Surrey Now, Amy Reid & Beau Simpson - *Interactive map of Surrey shootings*

Vancouver Courier, Barry Link - *Holiday Podcast: A Christmas story*

Special Publications Award, Over 25,000

Penticton Western News, Staff - *GATEWAY to Commerce in Penticton & Area*

Westender, Gail Nugent & Westender staff - *The Alchemist*

Westender, Stephen Smysnuik & Westender staff - *The Growler*

Special Publications Award, Under 25,000

Pique News Magazine, Claire Ryan, Alison Taylor, Sarah Strother & staff - *Crank'd Bike Magazine*

Pique News Magazine, Louise Stevens, Sarah Strother & staff - *Chefs' Choice Cookbook*

Squamish Chief, Christine Endicott & Darren Roberts - *Discover Squamish - Summer edition*

Special Section Award, Over 25,000

Campbell River Mirror, Michelle Hueller - *Remembrance Day*

North Shore News, Rosalind Duane – *Neighbourhoods*

Westender, Caryl Dolinko & Westender staff - *Pride 2015*

Special Section Award, Under 25,000

Pique News Magazine, Clare Ogilvie, Lindsey Ataya & staff - *Best of Whistler*

Pique News Magazine, Claire Ryan, Clare Ogilvie & staff - *Canada Day quiz*

Powell River Peak, Alicia Newman & staff - *Inclusion Powell River - Celebrating 60 Years*