

2024 Ma Murray Awards Finalists

Winners to be announced April 20 at the Polygon Gallery, North Vancouver



General Excellence

Category A

Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News
Lake Cowichan Gazette
Rocky Mountain Goat

Category B

The Northern View
Salmon Arm Observer
100 Mile House Free Press

Category C

Powell River Peak
Gulf Islands Driftwood
Oak Bay News

Category D

Squamish Chief
Williams Lake Tribune
Yukon News

Category E

Parksville/Qualicum Beach News
North Delta Reporter
Coast Reporter

Category F

Courtenay/Comox Valley Record
Chilliwack Progress
Peace Arch News

Category G

North Shore News
Nanaimo News Bulletin
Surrey Now-Leader

Awards

Ad Campaign Award

Coast Reporter
People's Choice Awards
Dimitri Shvartsman, Eric Pinfold,
Patrick Lessard, Christine Daleo
Yukon News
Tait's Custom Trailer Sales
Jewel Sugden
100 Mile Free Press
Final Diagnostics Automotive
Sabrina Ede, Evan Fentiman

Spot News Photo Award (Circulation under 11k)

Alberni Valley News
Aerial attack on Arbutus Mountain
Susie Quinn
Lake Country Calendar
8 vehicles involved in Highway 97 crash in Lake Country
Jordy Cunningham
Gabriola Sounder
Night time check stop
Derek Kilbourn

Portrait/Personality Photo Award (Circulation under 11k)

Williams Lake Tribune
A Cariboo Classic
Angie Mindus
Gabriola Sounder
Sheila Norgate
Derek Kilbourn
Lake Cowichan Gazette
Who needs luck?
Sarah Simpson

Portrait/Personality Photo Award (Circulation over 11k)

Vernon Morning Star
Valentines Day goat hugs spread love
for North Okanagan seniors
Bowen Assman

Burnaby Now
Young Burnaby skateboard champ
making waves at local competitions
Jennifer Gauthier

North Shore News
Residential school survivor shares story
Paul McGrath

Editorial Award

Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal
Victoria fails Lytton
Barbara Roden

Peace Arch News
Bureaucracy run amok
Brenda Anderson

Delta Optimist
Real estate nightmares
Sandor Gyarmati

Environmental Initiative Award

Nelson Star
Where do your old clothes go? Nelson thrift store struggling to
keep donations out of landfill
Tyler Harper

Delta Optimist
A 'buffer' ageing rising seas: How one group is trying to save
Metro Vancouver's salt marshes
Stefan Labe

Victoria News
Network of major Greater Victoria buildings charting the path to
zero emissions
Jake Romphf

Spot News Photo Award (Circulation over 11k)

Penticton Western News
Penticton to mark Overdose Awareness Day after 13 deaths so
far in 2023
Brennan Phillips

Burnaby Now
Great balls of fire! What happened at Burnaby's Canada Day
fireworks show?
Jennifer Gauthier

Langley Advance Times
Explosion!
Kyler Emerson

Ad Design Award (Circulation under 11k)

Powell River Peak
We will buy your car
Alicia Newman

Revelstoke Review
Always getting you to the goods
Myles Williamson

Mission City Record
What's happening downtown
Karen Murtagh

Ma Murray Community Service Award

Gulf Islands Driftwood
Let's Pick It Up, Salt Spring!
Nancy Johnson, Gail Sjuberg, Lorraine Sullivan

Victoria News
Mental Health & Addiction Resource Guide
Randi Page, Katherine Engqvist, Samantha Duerksen

Chemanious Valley Courier
Landmark fundraising goal reached in music trivia tournament
Don Bodger, Chadd Cawson

Sports Writing Award

Williams Lake Tribune
Hockey community rallies around grieving players, families in
wake of teen tragedy
Monica Lamb-Yorski

Vancouver is Awesome
Kid who traded banana to Kuzmenko
Daniel Wagner

Vernon Morning Star
Vernon player made hockey history 75 years ago
Roger Knox

Reader Engagement Campaign Award

Goldstream News Gaxette
Orange Shirt Day
Cathy Webster, Jocelyn Pereira, Joan Stiebel

Revelstoke Review
Paper Boy Art Installation at Luna Arts Festival
Myles Williamson, Zachary Delaney

Pique Newsmagazine
TGIF
Jon Parris

Feature Photo Award (Circulation under 11k)

Rocky Mountain Goat
Valemount Climbing Club opens its doors
Laura Keil

Bowen Island Current
News Kids on the Block
Alex Kurial

Lake Cowichen Gazette
Summer Splash
Sarah Simpson

Arts & Culture Writing Award

Abbotsford News
Robert Bateman Art Activism class exploring womens issues at art show
Ben Lypka

Agassiz-Harrison Observer
A little bit taller: New Agassiz, Hope murals hailed as celebration of Indigenous identity
Adam Louis

Chilliwack Progress
100-year-old woman has made more than 1,000 quilts for charity
Jenna Hauck

Feature Photo Award (Circulation over 11k)

Richmond News
Nowhere to grieve
Maria Rantanen
New Westminster Record
Break Dance Battle at New West's second annual Car Free Day festival
Jennifer Gauthier

Courtney/Comox Valley Record
Solemn Ceremony
Erin Haluschak

Photo Essay Award

Powell River Peak
Show creates world of magic
Kelly Keil

Goldstream News Gazette
Thousands celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day in Colwood
Justin Samanski-Langille

Parksville/Qualicum Beach News
Eagles on the hunt
Michael Briones

Business Writing Award

Prince Rupert, The Northern View
How will cruises impact Prince Ruperts future?
Seth Foward

Alberni Valley News
The 'blue' economy
Elena Rardon

Quesnel Cariboo Observer
Conversation expanding about Quesnel and BCHL
Frank Peebles

Magazine Excellence Award

Revelstoke Review
Times Magazine
Myles Williamson, Josh Piercey, Zachary Delaney, Tammy Robinson

Oak Bay News
Tweed Magazine
Janet Gairdner, Susan Lundy, Lia Crowe, Maria Lobanova

Sechelt/Gibsons Coast Reporter
Coast Life Magazine
Coast Life Team

Environmental Writing Award

Pique Newsmagazine
Messengers of the Forest: Inside the struggle to save Canada's most endangered bird
Stefan Labbe

North Shore News
Researchers raise alarm after salmon killed by chemicals
Brent Richter

Goldstream News Gazette
Vancouver Island waters an ,overflow industrial parking lot as freighter traffic skyrockets: MP
Bailey Moreton

Ad Design Award (Circulation over 11k)

Nanaimo News Bulletin
Biggest Boxing Week Event
Sean McCue

Courtney /Comox Valley Record
Dracula's Deals Don't Suck
Peter Diespecker

Goldstream News Gazette
Spooktacular Sales Event
Jocelyn Pereira

Feature Article Award (Circulation over 11k)

North Shore News
North Van special unit uses science to solve crimes
Jane Seyd

Prince George Citizen
Prince George hit-and-run victim mourning her unborn son
Hanna Petersen

Vernon Morning Star
Efforts to preserve Syilx language reach new chapter in Vernon
Brendan Shykora

Columnist Award

Mission City Record
What's on the front page this week?
Kevin Mills

Summerland Review
Evacuation was on my mind during the 2023 fire season
John Arendt

Parksville/Qualicum Beach News
Shrieking, shirtless car wash guy may be a bee-sting victim
Philip Wolf

Outdoor Recreation Writing Award

Courtney / Comox Valley Record
Unraveling Cumberland's mountain biking history
Olivier Laurin

North Shore News
Advanced medical team brings lifesaving skills to the backcountry
Jane Seyd

Pique Newsmagazine
Mountain mams keep on moving
Alyssa Noel

Neville Shanks Memorial Award for Historical Writing

Pique Newsmagazine
Busting Whistler myths
Megan Lalonde

Nelson Star
Nelsons Chinese cemetery, once an expression of
discrimination, now a source of pride
Bill Metcalfe

Peace Arch News
A frontline hero
Tricia Weel

Feature Article Award (Circulation under 11k)

Chemainus Valley Courier
SFU degree presented in groundbreaking fashion to Penelakut
woman with cancer
Don Bodger

Castlegar News
'I couldn't get over it': Castlegar mother heads to the front lines
of Ukraine
Betsy Kline

Rocky Mountain Goat
Remembering the 2003 McLure Fire Outage
Laura Keil

Feature Series Award

Williams Lake Tribune
Rick Hansen returns for 50-year anniversary
Ruth Lloyd

Port Hardy, North Island Gazette
Ongoing closure of North Island Hospitals
Tyson Whitney

Goldstream News Gazette
2023 Truth and Reconciliation
Cathy Webster, and Team

Special Section Award (Circulation under 11k)

Pique Newsmagazine
Best of Pemberton
Jon Parris, Braden Dupuis, Susan Hutchinson, Sarah Strother

Sooke News Mirror
Living A Healthy Life
Bev Petow

Barriere Star Journal
2023 Remembrance Day Barriere Star/Journal
Lisa Quiding, Hettie Buck

Special Section Award (Circulation over 11k)

Nanaimo News Bulletin
Remembrance Day
Greg Sakaki, Sean McCue

Saanich News
Saanich Foodie
Janet Gairdner, Samantha Duerksen, Jason Ouellet, Lily Chan

Gibson Coast Reporter
Coast Kids
Nancy Tiffin, Dimitri Shvartsman, Patrick Lessard, Eric Pinfold

Sports Photo Award (Circulation under 11k)

Grand Forks Gazette
High Flying fun at the Rock Creek Fall Fair
Karen McKinley

Interior News
Wild Horse Race
Marisca Bakker
Williams Lake Tribune
Jump
Monica Lamb-Yorski

Sports Photo Award (Circulation over 11k)

Duncan Cowichan Valley Citizen
Host Chargers, QMS advance to the Island championship
Sarah Simpson

Parksville/Qualicum Beach News
Thunder dunk
Michael Briones

Nanaimo News Bulletin
Canoeist concentrates
Karl Yu

Special Publications Award (Circulation under 11k)

Mission City Record
Mission Community Guide 2023
Kevin Mills, Karen Murtagh, Jamie Hayes, Dillon White

Sooke News Mirror
Sooke to Port Renfrew Travel & Experience Guide
Rod Slugggett, Kevin Laird, Bev Petow, Tammy Robinson

Terrace Standard
Progress 2023 Terrace and area
Melissa Ash, Thom Barker, Diane Onuma, Owen Merrill

Special Publications Award (Circulation over 11k)

Campbell River Mirror
The People Project
Marc Kitteringham, Alistair Taylor, Edward Hitchins

Saanich News
101 Things to Do: Fall & Winter 2023 Experience Guide
Janet Gairdner, Glen Butcher, Jason Ouellet, Maria Lobanova

Surrey Now Leader
Surrey, An Economic Powerhouse
Dal Hothi, Dwayne Weidendorf, Beau Simpson

John Collison Investigative Journalism Award

Peace Arch News
Wheelchair users 'robbed of special moments'
Tricia Weel

Delta Optimist
Rising rents pushing people into poverty and desperation
Phil Melnychuk

North Shore News
Evicted for Airbnb, North Shore tenant says the system is failing
Brent Richter

Feature Video Award

Saanich News

Parents petition Saanich to avoid preventable tragedy at intersection

Christine van Reeuwijk

Lake Country Calendar

Running toward education: A former child soldier, path to UBC Okanagan student athlete

Jacqueline Gelineau

Vancouver is Awesome

B.C. prisoners find purpose through 'extremely impactful' doggy daycare program

Alanna Kelly

Breaking News Video Award

West K News

Structures destroyed by McDougall Creek wildfire in West Kelowna

Jacqueline Gelineau, Jen Zielinski

Courtney/Comox Valley Record

Firefighters attend trailer home fire in Courtenay

Terry Farrell, Olivier Laurin

Kelowna Capital News

Made safe, Explosive neutralized in Kelowna after Highway 97 shut down for hours

Jacqueline Gelineau, Gary Barnes

Multimedia Feature Story Award

Abbotsford News

It's the Wild West in there: Abbotsford homeless camp causes health and safety concerns

Vikki Hopes

Nelson Star

This story about AI was written by a human: How Nelson tech experts are using new artificial intelligence tools

Tyler Harper

Abbotsford News

CHARTS: Abbotsford Canucks popularity growing according to Google Trends

Ben Lypka

Multimedia Breaking News Story

Vancouver is Awesome

Vancouver officials hope to shutter East Hastings encampment by end of day

Mike Howell, Jeremy Hainsworth, Alanna Kelly

Lake Country Calendar

A local state of emergency declared for Lake Country as wildfire grows

Jordy Cunningham, Gary Barnes, Jacqueline Gelineau, Jen Zielinski

Oak Bay News

52-year-old public works employee killed in Oak Bay crash

Christine van Reeuwijk, Katherine Engqvist, Sonica Parmar