



Celebrating Municipal Excellence
2023 Nomination Form
Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Nominee Contact Information	
Name of municipality/ municipalities being nominated: <small>(please include the names of all partner municipalities)</small>	Town of Bredenbury
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Name of Nominated Practice or Project:	Old Bredenbury School Renovation Project to the Bredenbury Community Complex
Date of Project or Practice Initiation:	1-Jun-2021
Date of Project or Practice Completion: <small>(If ongoing, please indicate)</small>	1-Jun-2023
	Ongoing: <input type="checkbox"/>

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Please provide as much detail as possible. Winning practices are posted in the Best Practices Library as a reference or resource to others. Nominations that clearly outline the practice and all steps involved have a higher chance of being selected for an award.

The Practice

1. What issue inspired the nominated project or practice?

This project was not inspired by a previous project. It was somewhat inspired by other municipalities that created unique spaces with their schools such as Stenen.

2. What has this project or practice done to address the issue?

This project addressed several issues in our community. We needed a new fire hall, this project allowed us to renovate a current building owned by the municipality rather than building new. We needed a daycare this project allowed us to create a safe space for children to come to daycare in our small town. By the way it is a town owned daycare that is licensed from what I understand is the first or near the first of its kind. It gave us an opportunity to provide the Lions Club with a wheel chair accessible area the old Lions Den had stairs. It allowed us to create a fitness center that was larger and more adaptable to our ever changing members. It also allowed us to have a small business open up a beautiful spa in our small town of 385. The fitness is also municipality ran.

The Process

This section should be the longest and most detailed part of your nomination. Include enough information, such as steps, resources accessed, and considerations to support a municipality interested in applying the same project or practice.

3. Indicate who had a direct role in this project or practice:

- Municipal Council
- Municipal Administration
- Other

4. What was the role of the municipal council and/or municipal staff in this project or practice?

The Council and the CAO oversee this project in its entirety. Many many volunteer hours were spent by Administration going to meetings, meeting contractors and answering emails and calls during off hours.

5. Were other groups were involved in developing this project or practice? If so, who were they and what role did they play?

Other groups involved included. Parent Advisory Committee for the Daycare - they helped with the vision of the daycare. The Volunteer Fire Department helped decide on logistics with the Fire Hall. The Lions Club created the space they needed.

6. What resources were involved?

Other resources included: One commercial building inspector, 3 engineers, 2 plumbers, 2 electricians, 4 carpenters;/roofers. Discussion with MLA on some financial support and becoming licensed. Discussion with MLA and Building Code creators in government listening to concerns with sprinkler system and how the code did not read fairly to all daycares and created a gap in services. We got the code changed or amended to read that only Fire Alarm system was required and not sprinklers since not an overnight facility. We were real proud of this. Financial resources were very high we estimate the entire project at 1.5 millions dollars but at our appraisal we are appraised at 2.7 million. That is a large project for a small town. We used fundraising techniques, grants, GICs and loans to pay for it.

7. How was the project or practice developed?

The project was developed with just a vision of creating our old school gym into a Fire Hall and it sort of spiraled from there. We had a high need for daycare in our community, before this people were driving their children to other municipalities for daycare, with parents having to drive out of their way. We previously had Lions Den and Fitness Center in basement of town office, but the space had access only by stairs and the ceiling was very low for a fitness center.

The Results

8. What effect did this project or practice have on the community?

The community came together ten-folds the support was absolutely amazing.

9. Was a formal evaluation done after the project or practice was completed? Please explain.

No formal evaluation was done.

10. Describe any challenges faced.

Main challenges were financial ones. Second main challenge was dealing with Building Code and government enterprises explaining our circumstances of being a municipality ran daycare; as well as the code around allowing infants in our facility. It was challenging arranging our various contractors to show up at the right times to complete large projects as well.

Lessons Learned

11. What lessons were learned and what would you recommend doing differently?

It was way bigger of a project than we ever expected. We were delayed opening because of availability of large items such as new furnaces for the roof. We would have hired a project manager, it was an overwhelming task for one councilor and one CAO to oversee on their own while doing their other duties. There was hundreds of volunteer hours put into the project. Dealing with the government it is hard to have a voice, but our MLA did a wonderful job of immediately getting us with the right ministry and fast. Here is link to our video. Please check it out on Youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6ssMjx1INE>

