

2017 National Judge



Stephen B. Jewczyk
Urban and Regional Planner

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Stephen is an avid gardener who has a passion for design, landscaping and beautification of both the built and natural environment. He has obtained a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree from Ryerson University and has a forty-one year career in planning with the past 39 years as a municipal planner in Newfoundland and Labrador and the past 29 years as a City Planner and Director of Planning and Development for the City of Mount Pearl until his retirement in 2017.

During those years in municipal government, Stephen has participated in the Communities in Bloom program. In Mount Pearl, Stephen was instrumental in establishing the Pearl Awards for Urban Design, Gardens and Green Lens which is a program which celebrates the contribution of individual residents and businesses in beautifying their properties and buildings for the past 11 years. He has coordinated and fostered a relationship between Memorial University of Newfoundland Botanical Garden and Mount Pearl which has resulted in joint gardening workshops and participation in the Botanical Garden's Mystery Garden Tour. Stephen has also been involved in the City's public art program. More recently, he has been a strong supporter of the Conservation Corp of Newfoundland and Labrador, and through this organization and the efforts of their Green Teams (young student environmentalists) over the past 5 years has beautified the City and established a community garden program for residents.

Professionally, Stephen is a past president of the Canadian Institute of Planners. Regionally he has served as a past president of both the Newfoundland and Labrador Branch and the Atlantic Planners Institute of the Canadian Institute of Planners. In 1990, Stephen represented the Institute on the Canadian Healthy Communities Network and was Chair of the network from 1992-1996. In 2006, Stephen was elected as a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners.