

**NOMINATIONS  
ARE OPEN**

SEPT 18-21, 2023  
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# PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

Indigenous Capacity Building in Ontario

**\*\*SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED to AUG 15th\*\***

Is your community a member of OFNEDA? Do you have an Economic Project or Economic Development Officer from 2019 - 2022 that deserves to be seen and heard?  
Self nominations are also encouraged!

## EDO OF THE YEAR AWARD

*Four Awards: one per Chapter + One selected overall*

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### JUDGING CRITERIA:

The Economic Developer of the Year award will be judged by the following criteria:

- Extent of their economic impacts on community, region or province.
- Business skills, leadership and innovation. Development of strong relationships and community support.
- Volunteerism; involvement at the local, regional and provincial level.
- Positive impacts on other practitioners in economic development.

Explain how this individual has positively contributed and demonstrated the above criteria. Please provide examples and pictures, if available, would be appreciated. Maximum 2 page submission.

## COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARD

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This award recognizes a project that has had a major economic development impact in a community or region. It rewards such things as strategic planning, partnership development, placemaking, sector development, tourism, community involvement, innovation etc. The basic assessment of proposals will focus on achievements in the context of the approach, original environment, challenges faced and economic or community impact. Overall EDO – selected by EDO's live on the conference site

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- Development of strong relationships and community support. (ex. Community, environmental and social impacts)
- Innovation, originality and cost efficiency.
- Contribution to the sustainability of Indigenous culture and values.

Explain how this community project has demonstrated each of the above criteria providing examples and pictures, if available, it would be appreciated. Maximum 2 page submission.

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PLUS ALL NOMINATORS ARE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR \$500 CASH PRIZE**

**THE DEADLINE FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS IS JUNE 30, 2023**

Please send nomination & video to Selection Committee at: [marketingdirector@ofneda.ca](mailto:marketingdirector@ofneda.ca)

Along with submitting the above information, you are also welcome to submit a 5 minute video highlighting your award nomination.

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Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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