

Manitoba Employers Recognized for Creating Commuter Friendly Workplaces

Resource Conservation Manitoba presented the 2010 Commuter Friendly Workplace Awards at a luncheon held at The Fairmont Winnipeg, in conjunction with the Commuter Challenge awards ceremony. These uniquely Manitoba awards recognize workplaces that 'walk the talk' and support their employees to choose green commuting options throughout the year.



GOLD

Manitoba Hydro:

Top honours went to Manitoba Hydro, recognizing achievements that include a 46% uptake by their downtown employees on discounted monthly bus passes through Winnipeg Transit's EcoPass program. An emergency ride home program, secure indoor bike parking, showers available for active commuters and a compressed workweek schedule are some of the other ways they support their employees to green commute. In addition, employees are encouraged to carpool to meetings at various Manitoba Hydro locations.

"Manitoba Hydro is extremely pleased to win the Commuter Friendly Workplace Award. Our company has made a significant effort on a number of fronts to support greener commuting options and it is great to be recognized as a leader in this area. The infrastructure and initiatives put in place have created a more environmentally friendly culture within our organization and a culture that we believe is desired by our employees. It makes working at Manitoba Hydro that much more enjoyable and rewarding!"

- Lloyd Kuczek, Vice President, Manitoba Hydro



Mr. Michael Bouliane (left), Community Relations Manager with MTS Allstream, last year's Gold winner, presents the 2010 Gold Commuter Friendly Workplace Award to Mr. Lloyd Kuzcek (right), Vice President of Manitoba Hydro



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SPECIAL THANKS

Awards Judges

Barry Strike, EcoPass programs for Winnipeg Transit,
Calvin Polet, Downtown Winnipeg Biz Transportation Committee Chair
Ian Hall, Sustainability Coordinator with City of Winnipeg,
Rosemarie Prokipchuk of Green Manitoba, and
Charles Feaver, with Bike to the Future
Kevin Nixon, City of Winnipeg's Active Transportation Coordinator

Awards Presenters

Michael Bouliane from MTS Allstream (2009 GOLD Winner)
Zeena Mohammed from Transport Canada Prairie and Northern Region (2009 SILVER Winner)

SILVER

Cangene Corporation:

Silver went to Cangene Corporation for the diversity of green commuting programs offered at their workplace, including a 20% uptake on the EcoPass discounted monthly bus pass, in-house workshops on cycling and Eco-Driving, showers and change rooms for active commuters, and an emergency ride home program.



SMALL WORKPLACE

Mountain Equipment Co-op:

Mountain Equipment Co-op captured the "Small Workplace" award for their commitment to active commuting for employees. Most notably, MEC does not provide any vehicle parking for staff, but does provide secure indoor bike parking, showers and lockers. A workstation with tools and clinics on basic bike repair allows employees to keep their 'vehicles' in working order, and a field course took staff out riding on the new Winnipeg cycling infrastructure.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Canada Revenue Agency – Winnipeg Tax Centre and Manitoba Public Insurance



Ms. Zeena Mohammed, representing last year's Silver winner, Transport Canada Prairie and Northern Region, presents the 2010 Silver Commuter Friendly Workplace Award to Mr. Matthew Heywood of Cangene Corporation



Ms. Beth McKechnie of Resource Conservation Manitoba presents the 2010 Small Workplace Award to Mr. Andrew Dunn of Mountain Equipment Co-op