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# Alberta Museums Association Announces Robert R. Janes Award for Social Responsibility Recipient: Fort Edmonton Park

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Edmonton, Alberta – The Alberta Museums Association (AMA) is pleased to present Fort Edmonton Park with the Robert R. Janes Award for Social Responsibility in recognition of their work to integrate social responsibility into all aspects of museum practice.

Together with the AMA, the ambitious goal of the Robert R. Janes Award is to create vibrant and sustainable communities by investing in programs that affect real social and environmental change, and which have the potential to create public benefit on a larger scale. The Award will be presented at the Awards Ceremony on September 20, 2017 of the Alberta Museums Association / Western Museums Association (WMA) Joint International Conference in Edmonton .

Fort Edmonton Park is a model for integrating social responsibility into their approach to long-term institutional planning. Through the creation of partnerships with the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations and the Métis Nation of Alberta, formalized by the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding and Cooperation, Fort Edmonton Park models how to incorporate reconciliation into the institutional structure of a heritage site, and expand interpretation to respectfully and appropriately represent the Indigenous historical experience. The long-term commitment to collaboration and partnership demonstrated by Fort Edmonton Park is an example of how museums can develop meaningful and mutually beneficial partnerships with their communities and take tangible steps towards reconciliation.

The recipient of the Robert R. Janes Award for Social Responsibility receives a financial contribution to investigate drivers for success, scale up activities, and create a model for other institutions to follow, thereby contributing to the long-term impact of museums in their communities. This contribution is made possible through the generous financial support of Dr. Janes, and other individuals and institutions from Alberta's museum community.

The AMA / WMA Joint International Conference, *UNITE 2017*, will take place September 20 – 23, 2017 at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel in downtown Edmonton. For more information, please visit [museums.ab.ca](http://museums.ab.ca). For information on attending the Awards Ceremony or for comments, please contact Meaghan Patterson.

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