

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AWARD

The Lieutenant Governor's Award recognizes the extraordinary contributions of an individual to Alberta's museum community and their achievement in culture and heritage at the provincial, national and / or international level. Recipients are nominated and selected by the Alberta Museums Association Secretariat and Board of Directors.



LAURA GLOOR

Laura Gloor has left an indelible mark on Alberta's museum sector as a champion of museum sustainability and the role of museums as agents of change in their communities. Through courageous and collaborative leadership, she built deep, reciprocal connections between the Peace River Museum, Archives & Mackenzie Centre and the wider Peace River community. The attention to meaningful connections that helped build relationships within the town of Peace River extended to Laura's involvement with the Spirit of the Peace regional museum network, and her

involvement with the Alberta Museums Association (AMA)'s Board of Directors, where she served as an active and thoughtful member from 2010-2014.

Throughout her tenure, the Peace River Museum was a place of inquiry and inspiration; a safe space to address contemporary issues in connection to the history of Peace River. This included addressing difficult issues like the environmental impact of forestry, the legacy of Residential Schools, and missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Under her leadership, the museum received the AMA's *Robert R. Janes Award for Social Responsibility*, which recognized groundbreaking work in these areas.

Laura's impact was not limited to the town of Peace River. Her involvement in the Spirit of the Peace regional museum network worked to ensure that museums in remote northern communities had a network of peers they could look towards for advice, guidance, and support. The importance of community and supporting others is further reflected in Laura's participation in the AMA's Sustainability Working Group and her contributions to the *Sustainability Working Group Recommendations Report*, which directly influenced and impacted the programs and services offered by the AMA and outline a journey to sustainability for Alberta's museums.

Honouring Laura Gloor with the AMA's Lieutenant Governor's Award recognizes the contributions she made to museums locally, regionally, and provincially by modelling the importance of reciprocity in creating deep collaborative relationship and sustainable museum practice.