

# BEST MUNICIPAL/CIVIC AFFAIRS STORY

Nuggets of journalism gold often hide away inside the dry reports, meetings and presentations that comprise municipal affairs reporting. The winners in this category went the extra mile in research, interviews and, above all, in putting stories in context for readers. The hyper-local nature of civic reporting can be a tough sell to readers outside the community. Some entries in this category had great potential, but didn't quite make the extra leap. Congratulations to the winners.



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**TESS ALLEN**

*The Low Down to Hull & Back News*

This story read like a municipal mystery novel, and I dearly want to know the end. Allen did some great research to find this strange tale. Excellent work in spelling out how it's important to the municipality. Solid writing. Well done.



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**BEN BULMER**

*The Low Down to Hull & Back News*

Great story. Speaking with all parties involved, Bulmer used wonderful sniffy quotes from the mayor to take the reader right into this local controversy.

Good call to speak with a lawyer about whether installing a camera is even legal. Nice work.



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**JIM BELL**

*Nunatsiaq News*

This was a touching tribute to an important municipal leader that seemed to capture the spirit of the guy. Great research and writing. A lovely piece.

Judge: Emma Graney, Politics Reporter, Edmonton Journal, Edmonton, AB • Number of entries in the Best Municipal / Civic Affairs Story category: 24