



Mobius Awards of Environmental Excellence

Rules

The Mobius Awards of Environmental Excellence are coordinated and administered by Divert NS. The nomination period begins June 1 and closes on July 31, 2026. Nominees can enter in more than one category. The award recipients will be announced in the fall of 2026 at Divert NS' annual Mobius Gala event.

How to Nominate

To nominate yourself or another individual or organization, you must visit the Mobius Awards website at <https://divertns.ca/mobius-awards> and complete a nomination form before the closing date on July 31, 2026.

Eligibility

The awards are open to individuals who reside in Nova Scotia and organizations that are currently active in Nova Scotia (i.e. conducting business in Nova Scotia for at least one year, up to and including the date of submission). Nominees must consent to the nomination and must not be the recipient of a Mobius Award for the same waste diversion activities in the last three years. Nominations must be based on current activities or initiatives occurring in Nova Scotia (for example, activities that are ongoing as of the date of submission or initiatives/ programs/ events that occurred during the last year).

Current Board Members and employees of Divert NS, their immediate family members, and those domiciled with them are not eligible for a Mobius Award.

The Awards

There are seven award categories focused on exceptional recycling and waste diversion activities and results. Waste diversion refers to refusing, recycling, reducing, reusing or composting materials instead of sending them to landfill for disposal.

- **Small Business of the Year:** Private sector business or organization (less than 100 employees) that goes above and beyond to implement practices to reduce waste and recycle on a daily basis.
- **Large Business of the Year:** Private sector business or organization (more than 100 employees) that goes above and beyond to implement practices to reduce waste and recycle on a daily basis.
- **Innovator of the Year:** Individual or organization that has developed and/or implemented a product or service from material that otherwise would go to landfill or has developed a more efficient approach for an existing process to reduce waste, recycle and/or divert waste.
- **Small Community Project of the Year:** Local community group or individual that has led a small-scale project or event engaging their community or neighbourhood in waste reduction, reuse, or recycling.
- **Large Community Project of the Year:** Regional or provincial organization or group that has delivered a large-scale initiative advancing waste reduction, reuse, or recycling across communities.

- **Emerging Environmental Leader:** Rising environmental champion (age 30 or under) who goes above and beyond to encourage waste reduction and recycling among their peers, at school or work, in their community or with other Nova Scotians.
- **Hall of Fame:** Individual or organization with a demonstrated record of ongoing commitment to our environment; leadership in reducing waste and recycling; and diverting waste from landfill.

Awards will be presented in a category only if a nomination merits an award. All decisions of the judges are final.

Award Recognition and Presentation

Award winners will be recognized on Divert NS' website and social media channels, may be promoted via local media, and will be invited to attend the 2026 Mobius Awards Gala event in Halifax, Nova Scotia to receive their award.

Equity and Diversity

We believe in the power of diversity and inclusion to better our environment. Diversity drives more innovative and creative thinking, and different perspectives make our environmental protection community stronger and more impactful. We encourage all applicants regardless of gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, colour, sex, race, age, disability, religion, national or ethnic origin, citizenship or family/marital status to apply.

Please Note

- By participating in the Mobius Awards, each nominee accepts and agrees to these official rules and all decisions of the judging committee.
- All nominations become the property of Divert NS and will not be returned.
- Incomplete nominations and nominations with falsified information will be disqualified. The decision to disqualify any nomination is at the sole discretion of Divert NS and will occur without notice or communication to the nominee. The disqualification decision is final and not subject to review.
- By participating in the Mobius Awards, recipients authorize Divert NS to broadcast, publish and otherwise use their name, city/town of residence, comments and photograph for publicity purposes, without any form of remuneration.

Any personal information gathered from nominees will be used solely for the administration of the Mobius Awards, will be kept in a secure and confidential location, and will not be rented or sold. If you wish to cancel your nomination after submission, please mail/email: Divert NS, 35 Commercial Street, Suite 400, Truro, NS B2N 3H9; or info@divertns.ca. If you have questions about how Divert NS collects, uses or discloses your personal information with regards to the Mobius Awards, please contact Lyndsey Darling at ldarling@divertns.ca.

Right to Cancel or Modify

Divert NS reserves the right to modify or cancel the Mobius Awards at any time without notice to the nominees.