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City of Vernon Human Resources Division receives national accolades

The City of Vernon is proud to announce its Human Resources (HR) Division and staff members have received national accolades for their dedication, work and professionalism within the HR profession.

Recently, *HRD Canada* and *Canadian HR Reporter* magazine hosted the [2021 Canadian HR Awards](#), the leading independent awards event for the HR profession in Canada. The awards recognize teams, individuals and employers for their outstanding achievements, leadership, programs and initiatives in the field of HR over the past 12 months.

During the event, the City of Vernon was honoured to be named a finalist in the category for *Best Learning & Development Strategy*. Additionally, the City's Director of Human Resources, Dr. Raeleen Manjak, was awarded the *O.C. Tanner Award for Lifetime Achievement in the HR Industry*.

"The O.C. Tanner Award represents a significant achievement, as this is the highest honour and most coveted award at the Canadian HR Awards," said Mayor Victor Cumming. "This award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the industry as a whole, through visionary people management strategies and leadership. We are proud and very fortunate to have Dr. Manjak practicing her craft here at the City of Vernon."

Raeleen's commitment to the Human Resource profession is wrapped up in her personal motto and philosophy that "Together, we are better!"

Further to the awards, another member of the HR team, Sarah Patterson (Talent Acquisition and Retention Specialist), has been recognized by *Canadian HR Reporter* magazine as a [2021 Young Influencer](#). The Young Influencers list showcases up-and-coming talent in Canada's HR industry.

"On behalf of myself, members of Council, all employees and indeed the citizens of Vernon, I would like to say *thank you* to our HR team for their dedication and hard work every day," said Mayor Cumming. "Congratulations on these well-deserved recognitions."



Photo above: Dr. Raeleen Manjak, DM/OL, ΔΜΔ, CPHR, Director, Human Resources and Mayor Victor Cumming.