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NEWS RELEASE

Nominations now open for Canadian Plastics Industry Association's Leadership Awards

Opportunity to recognize outstanding individuals and companies in plastics value chain

Toronto, ON, June 21, 2017 – The Canadian Plastics Industry Association (CPIA), the national voice and leader for plastics industry sustainability across Canada since 1943, is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2017 Plastics Industry Leadership Awards. CPIA awards recognize outstanding individuals and businesses for their commitment and dedication to the growth and sustainability of the Canadian plastics industry.

“The purpose of the awards is to recognize and celebrate individuals and companies who have demonstrated leadership and outstanding contributions to the plastics industry in the areas of innovation, sustainability and more.” said Carol Hochu, President and CEO of CPIA.

CPIA is currently accepting nominations until July 21, 2017 for awards in the following categories:

Leader of the Year Award

Individuals who are widely recognized as having made important contributions to their businesses, to their communities and to the Canadian plastics industry.

They currently own or manage successful and innovative businesses in the plastics sector.

In addition, they contribute their time and resources to community and other organizations dedicated to society-building.

Plastics Industry Young Leaders Award

This individual award is intended to showcase inspirational and dedicated young leaders (under 40) who demonstrate leadership in plastics businesses (running a company or division), innovation or technical leadership and/or sustainability efforts (corporate or community).

Canplast Award

Individuals who contribute their time, energy and expertise to improving the competitive and environmental performance of the Canadian plastics industry.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Individuals who have made outstanding achievements and contributed enduring legacies to the Canadian Plastics Industry and to the community at large.

Nominees are widely recognized as industry leaders and builders perhaps now drawing to a close an illustrious career, or moving onto a new set of challenges and opportunities.

Innovator Award

Individuals or organizations who have contributed to the advancement of the Canadian plastics industry in the areas of materials, products, process/technology, or marketing/communications.

Sustainability Award

Individuals or organizations who have contributed to the sustainability of the Canadian plastics industry in an environmental, social or economic manner, including post-use plastics recovery.

The nomination deadline is July 21, 2017. Individuals or companies can self-nominate or they can be nominated by others. An awards committee comprising industry leaders reviews and evaluates all submissions, and determines whether the nominee meets the award criteria before declaring them a winner. Winners will be notified by CPIA in August 2017.

The awards will be celebrated at CPIA's Plastics Industry Leadership Awards Dinner Celebration on **Sept. 19, 2017** at Paramount Eventspace, Vaughan, Ontario.

More details and nomination form are available at: <https://www.plastics.ca/AboutCPIA/Awards>

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ABOUT THE CANADIAN PLASTICS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (CPIA)

Since 1943, the Canadian Plastics Industry Association has served as the national voice and leader for plastics industry sustainability across Canada, representing the interests of plastics value chain including resin and raw material suppliers, processors/converters, equipment suppliers, recyclers and brand owners.

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