



Media Release

Public School Boards' Association of Alberta recognizes school board trustee Linda Mywaart with annual Dick Baker Legacy Award

June 9, 2025 (Calgary, AB) — The Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) is honoured to recognize Linda Mywaart, Board Chair at the Fort McMurray School Division (FMSD), with the Dick Baker Legacy Award. “It’s been an enormous privilege to work as a trustee alongside so many wonderful people,” says Mywaart. “I’ve used the best of my time and abilities to serve the students, and I’m truly honoured to receive this award.”

Fellow trustee Lorna Spargo, Board Vice-Chair at FMSD, nominated Mywaart after watching her colleague and friend embody all the values of the exceptional Dick Baker—a dedicated advocate for public education. The Dick Baker Legacy Award is bestowed on a public school board trustee who has modelled the values of integrity, compassion, respect, mentoring, leadership and engagement of the heart and mind while always putting children first.

Respect is one of Mywaart’s core values. “As a colleague, I’m honoured to work alongside Linda, and I’m inspired to be a better trustee every day as we go about doing what’s best for kids,” says Spargo. “Linda’s compassion is evident in her interactions with students, staff, parents and trustees. Her ‘seek first to understand’ mindset allows her to see all sides to a situation and ensure that no one’s concerns go unheard or unconsidered.”

Mywaart has been integral to fostering relationships with the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, Keyano College, local industries, social support organizations and more. She also helps at her local foodbank and throughout North America with Samaritan’s Purse during disaster cleanup.

Mywaart shares her knowledge other trustees. “She has mentored a number of trustees both on our Board and throughout the province during her many years as

a trustee,” adds Spargo. “She’s willing to share her thoughts—but even more importantly—to ask the questions that lead to personal growth. She’s acutely mindful of the responsibility of trustees to be accountable for the work we do and the public dollars entrusted to us.”

The PSBAA held its annual awards evening at its Spring General Assembly in Calgary on June 4. A total of five awards were presented. To learn more about the Association and the outstanding achievements of its members, visit the [PSBAA website](#).

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