

The Peter Clavelle Award

To be presented by the Burlington Sustainability Partnership

***2014 Nominations due no later than August 15, 2014**

THE BURLINGTON SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP:

The Burlington Sustainability Partnership (BSP) is a unique, collaborative endeavor between the City of Burlington, the Burlington Business Association, Champlain College, the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Fletcher Allen Health Care, the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the University of Vermont (<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Sustainability/Burlington-Sustainability-Partnership>). Formed under the auspices of the Weinberger Administration, and built out of the Legacy Project, this broad stakeholder group is dedicated to action and measurable results around sustainability and quality of life issues. The group believes that working together to achieve results will have greater long-lasting, value-added impact than working in isolation.

BACKGROUND:

Peter A. Clavelle is a former mayor of Burlington and a 2004 candidate for Governor. Under his leadership, Burlington became a national model in sustainability, with emphasis on quality of life, high quality **education** for all, social **equity**, **economic** growth and development, and **environmental** health, often referred to as the 4 E's. Peter's legacy includes eligibility of employee domestic partners in benefit coverage, and projects such as the Church Street Marketplace and Waterfront Development. Under Peter's leadership work began around climate change and efforts to reduce greenhouse gases, and around local food systems, including the development of the Burlington Farm to School program which is now a national model. Mayor Clavelle's vision led to the development of the Legacy Action Plan, Burlington's 2030 sustainability plan.

The plan is based on improvements in five areas related to sustainability: our neighborhoods, the economy, the environment, youth and life skills (including life-long learning), and governance. Taken together, the five major themes comprise Burlington's Common Vision:

- Maintaining Burlington as a regional population, government, cultural, and economic center with livable wage jobs, full employment, social supports, and housing that matches job growth and family income
- Improving the quality of life in neighborhoods
- Increasing participation in community decision-making
- Providing youth with high-quality education and social supports, and lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Preserving environmental health

At the 2009 Town Meeting, participants identified social equity as a priority goal in each focus area.

The original plan was written in 1999 with input from hundreds of Burlington residents. It was ratified by the City Council in 2000 and included in the Municipal Development Plan. Mayor Clavelle appointed a project steering committee to oversee the public involvement campaign and prepare the Legacy Action Plan. Information on the Burlington Legacy Plan, can be found at: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/legacy>.

Past Recipients of the Peter Clavelle Award:

- 2013, Annie Bourdon, Executive Director, Car Share Vermont
- 2012, Caryl Stewart, Opportunities Credit Union
- 2011, Jacob Yacouba Bogre, Association of Africans Living in Vermont
- 2010, Jeanne Collins, Superintendent, Burlington Schools
- 2009, Jim Flint, Founder, Friends of Burlington Gardens
- 2008, Hal Colston, Founder, The Good News Garage
- 2007, Chapin Spencer, Founder, LocalMotion
- 2006, Jane Knodell, Chair, Burlington Legacy Project; Professor, University of Vermont
- 2005, Peter Clavelle

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to receive the Peter Clavelle Award, a person must be a **professional** whose work efforts have advanced the sustainability of Burlington as described in the Legacy Action Plan, including work on social equity, economic growth and vitality, quality education for all, and/or environmental stewardship. Nominees cannot be current Burlington Sustainability Partnership or former Legacy Steering Committee members or city employees. Candidates for this award will have:

1. Shown a passionate commitment to improve the quality of life for the people of Burlington consistent with specific principles described in the Legacy Plan.
2. Recognized problems or barriers which may prevent Burlington's progress toward becoming a sustainable community
3. Identified or promoted new or better ways to advance any of the goals set out in the Legacy Strategic Plan.
4. Been a mentor or role model to others (elected or appointed officials or citizens; both children and adults) who have supported efforts that advanced the Legacy Plan .

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations should include a description of how the nominee meets or exceeds qualifications listed above with specific examples. Links to supporting information on the Web may be included. Please provide a complete name, title, and contact information for the nominee. Please limit the nomination to no more than 600 words and include 2 one-page letters of reference.

Nominations may be submitted by any person or group.

Nominations can be submitted to: Jennifer Green, CEDO, 149 Church Street, City Hall or via jgreen@burlingtonvt.gov

Past award recipients, Burlington Sustainability Partnership members, former Legacy Project steering committee members, and city employees are not eligible.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Nominations must be received August 15, Friday, 2014

JUDGING PROCESS

The Peter Clavelle Award Committee, a subcommittee of the Burlington Sustainability Partnership will decide on the award winner. The BSP is a unique, collaborative endeavor between the City of Burlington, the Burlington Business Association, Champlain College, the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Fletcher Allen Health Care, the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the University of Vermont.