



# Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan

*From Many Peoples Strength*

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **MCoS Multicultural Honours Awards**

Multicultural Superheroes make significant contributions to multiculturalism

His Honour, Lieutenant Governor W. Thomas Molloy will join the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the multicultural community on **Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 2:00 pm** at Government House in Regina. His Honour, Lieutenant Governor W. Thomas Molloy, the Honourable Gene Makowsky, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and Bob Byoem, President, Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union (SGEU), will speak and present awards.

#### **Background:**

This hallmark event kicks off [Saskatchewan Multicultural Week](#) running from November 17 to 25, 2018. This year we recognize the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Saskatchewan Multiculturalism Act and that Saskatchewan was the first province to introduce multicultural legislation in 1974. We celebrate Saskatchewan Multicultural Week all November through the ['Who's Your Multicultural Superhero?'](#) campaign. We honour the contributions of all volunteers in and from the multicultural community that benefit Saskatchewan.

#### **Award Nominees:**

- 1) The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union (SGEU) will present the Betty Szuchewycz Award to an adult who has made significant contributions to the multicultural community. The 2018 award nominees are:
  - **Barb Dedi**, Spring Free From Racism - Saskatchewan Association on Human Rights Inc., Regina
  - **Hasanthi N Galenage**, Cathedral Area Co-operative Daycare, Regina
  - **Paul Kardynal**, Ukrainian Canadian Cultural Council, North Battleford
  - **Yaseen Khan**, Regina Dawat Club and Sasktel, Regina
- 2) The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union (SGEU) will present the Multicultural Youth Leadership Award to an individual who is 29 years of age and under, who has made promising contributions to the multicultural community. The 2018 award nominees are:
  - **Jiazhi Ding**, University of Saskatchewan Friends of Falun Gong Association, Saskatoon
  - **Nour Albaradan**, Sheldon-Williams Collegiate, Regina

#### **Media Note:**

The program ends around 3:00 p.m. at which time interviews can be conducted. Due to limited space and time, a scrum can be set up. Please ensure both recipients receive media coverage. 'B' Roll can be gathered from 2:00 -3:00 p.m.

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## About the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS)

The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan is a charitable, non-profit organization committed to promoting, fostering, improving and developing multiculturalism in the cultural, economic, social and political life of Saskatchewan while working to achieve equality of all residents. We support member organizations in a variety of ways, including workshops, investments in their activities that implement our mission, aims and objectives, networking and information, and being the lead voice on multiculturalism in the province. We also support anti-racism and multicultural education activities in schools.

We celebrate significant dates, such as Saskatchewan Multicultural Week in November, African-Canadian Black History Month in February, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, Hispanic Heritage Month in April, Asian Heritage Month in May, National Aboriginal History Month in June, Celebrate Canada from June 21 to July 1 and Islamic History Month in October.

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