

**Honouring Northern Social Work:
Nominations are Open for the Bridget Moran Award**

The Bridget Moran Advancement of Social Work in Northern Communities award honours one individual who has contributed to the advancement of social work ideals. One award will be granted to the nominee who best fits the criteria. A panel of social workers will choose from nominations submitted by their peers and/or other involved parties. As a guide, the panel will use the purpose of social work, condensed below from the BCASW Code of Ethics.

Social work is a profession committed to the goal of effecting social change. Advancement toward this purpose is achieved through the complementarity of social justice and appropriate therapeutic approaches. The functions of social work include helping people to develop problem-solving skills; enhancing self-determination; and advocating, promoting and acting to obtain a social justice. The criteria for eligible nominees are:

1. *Minimum requirement is a Bachelor of Social Work degree*
2. *Is a northern social worker and a member of the BC Association of Social Workers Northern Branch*
3. *Actively promotes the practice of social work and advocates for the profession of social work*
4. *Maintains consistently high standard for social work practice*
5. *Unique and timely demonstration for why this award should be presented to this nominee this year, noting nominee's achievements in the advancement of social work in northern communities with particular emphasis on social justice aspects.*

This award will be presented during the Social Work Week celebrations in March. Please contact the BCASW Northern Branch representative for a nomination form, which should be returned no later than February 15th.