

Canadian Community Newspaper Awards | Concours des journaux régionaux canadiens 2020 Winners | Lauréats

101 – General Excellence | Excellence générale

Class 1011 – General Excellence, Circulation up to 1499

Best All-Round Newspaper | Meilleur journal

- 1st – Salmon Arm Observer (Salmon Arm, BC)
- 2nd – The Lake Cowichan Gazette (Lake Cowichan, BC)
- 3rd – Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News (Tofino/Ucluelet, BC)

Best Front Page | Meilleure page frontispice

- 1st – The Lake Cowichan Gazette (Lake Cowichan, BC)
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- 2nd – Respect (Cold Lake, AB)

Best Editorial Page | Meilleure page éditoriale

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Class 1012 – General Excellence, Circulation 1500 to 6499

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Class 1013 – General Excellence, Circulation 6500 to 17499

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- 2nd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB)
- 3rd – The Chief (Squamish, BC)

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- 2nd – The News (Parksville/Qualicum Beach, BC)
- 3rd – The Chief (Squamish, BC)

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- 1st – Delta Optimist (Delta, BC)
- 2nd – The Chief (Squamish, BC)
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Class 1014 – General Excellence, Circulation 17500 and over

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PREMIER AWARDS | GRANDS PRIX

201 – Best News Story | Meilleur reportage

Class 2011 – Best News Story, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Manitoulin Expositor (Manitoulin Island, ON) – “PC Hovingh fatally shot while responding to property dispute near Gore Bay's East Bluff” – Warren Schlote
- 2nd – The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal (Ashcroft, BC) – “Dramatic chase after iconic jade boulder stolen in Cache Creek” – Barbara Roden
- 3rd – The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal (Ashcroft, BC) – “Lytton archaeological survey answers one question, uncovers more” – Barbara Roden

Class 2012 – Best News Story, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Delta Optimist (Delta, BC) – “Bullying takes extreme toll” – Ian Jacques
- 2nd – Comox Valley Record (Courtenay/Comox Valley, BC) – “Snowbirds tragedy hits Valley hard” – Terry Farrell
- 3rd – The Beaver (Oakville, ON) – “‘Disgusted’: Oakville cemetery facing calls to remove what's being called a Nazi monument” – David Lea

202 – Best Feature Story | Meilleur article de fond

Class 2021 – Best Feature Story, Circulation up to 3999

- 1st – The Independent of Petrolia and Central Lambton (Petrolia, ON) – “What would they do without us – PC08 Petrolia Independent” – Heather Wright
- 2nd – Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News (Tofino/Ucluelet, BC) – “Artist finds 'wonderful moments' in isolation” – Andrew Bailey
- 3rd – The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal (Ashcroft, BC) – “Small communities can be a big help on Alzheimer's journey” – Barbara Roden

Class 2022 – Best Feature Story, Circulation 4000 to 12499

- 1st – Pique News Magazine (Whistler & Pemberton, BC) – “Every Face Tells A Story” – Brandon Barrett
- 2nd – The Chief (Squamish, BC) – “Home is where you park it” – Steven Chua, Keili Bartlett
- 3rd – The Chronicle (Ladysmith/Chemainus, BC) – “Finds life after death” – Cole Schisler

Class 2023 – Best Feature Story, Circulation 12500 and over

- 1st – Capital News (Kelowna, BC) – “Meet B.C.'s only cowboy cop; a voice for the livestock industry” – Phil McLachlan
- 2nd – North Shore News (North/West Vancouver, BC) – “Love in the time of COVID-19” – Andy Prest
- 3rd – The Sachem (Haldimand County, ON) – “Balancing tourism, residential needs” – Tara Lindemann

203 – Best Feature Series | Meilleure série d’articles de fond

Class 2031 – Best Feature Series, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Alberni Valley News (Port Alberni, BC) – “Homelessness series” – Susie Quinn
- 2nd – The Reporter (Port Hawkesbury, NS) – “Lionel Desmond” – Drake Lowthers
- 3rd – Oak Bay News (Oak Bay, BC) – “A look at Oak Bay Marina” – Travis Paterson

Class 2032 – Best Feature Series, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Victoria News (Victoria, BC) – “Mental Health in Greater Victoria” – Katherine Engqvist, Victoria News Team
- 2nd – Mission Record (Mission, BC) – “Inside the Mission RCMP” – Kevin Mills
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Innovation in Wine Country: Parts 1-4” – Jill Troyer
- 3rd – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “Struggling for Hope” – Jennifer Henderson

204 – Outstanding Columnist | Meilleure chroniqueur

George Cadogan Memorial Outstanding Columnist Award

Class 2041 – Outstanding Columnist, Circulation open

- 1st – Voice of Pelham (Pelham, ON) – John Swart
- 2nd – The Eastern Graphic (Montague, PE) – Paul MacNeill
- 3rd – River Valley Sun (Perth-Andover/Woodstock, NB) – Jim Dumville

205 – Outstanding Reporter Initiative | Esprit journalistique exceptionnel

Class 2051 – Outstanding Reporter Initiative, Circulation open

- 1st – The Yukon News (Whitehorse/Yukon Territory, YT) – “Mother at Whitehorse Correctional Centre unable to hold infant since March due to COVID-19 measures” – Jackie Hong
- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – Richard Harley

206 – Best National Editorial | Meilleur éditorial national

Class 2061 – Best National Editorial, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Carillon (Steinbach, MB) – “Wearing a face mask really can save lives” – Greg Vandermeulen
- 2nd – The Haldimand Press (Haldimand County, ON) – “Black Lives Matter” – Kaitlyn Clark
- 3rd – Respect (Cold Lake, AB) – “Women of Influence” – Jeff Gaye

Class 2062 – Best National Editorial, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “No justice here” – Andrea Rondeau
- 2nd – Dundas Star News (Dundas, ON) – “A debt still to be paid” – Kevin Werner
- 3rd – The Sachem (Haldimand County, ON) – “A second chance to show up, Mr. Trudeau” – Tamara Botting

207 – Best Local Editorial | Meilleur éditorial local

Class 2071 – Best Local Editorial, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Macleod Gazette (Fort Macleod, AB) – “Flag-burning can't be tolerated” – Frank McTighe
- 2nd – The Independent of Petrolia and Central Lambton, ON – “PC04 best ed – The Independent” – Heather Wright
- 3rd – The Highlander (Haliburton, ON) – “It's about respecting community” – Lisa Gervais

Class 2072 – Best Local Editorial, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Comox Valley Record (Courtenay/Comox Valley, BC) – “Affordable housing is no longer affordable”
- 2nd – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “In a pickle” – St. Albert Gazette Editorial Board
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Journalists don't answer to public relations depts” – Richard Harley

208 – Best Historical Story | Meilleur article historique

Class 2081 – Best Historical Story, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – South Peace News (High Prairie, AB) – “Hanged – The 1904 Charles King Murder” – Chris Clegg
- 2nd – Shilo Stag (CFB Shilo, MB) – “Canada sent all-black military battalion overseas” – Jules Xavier
- 2nd – Respect (Cold Lake, AB) – “The Last Post: Traditional Bugle Call Closed One Family's Circle” – Jeff Gaye

Class 2082 – Best Historical Story, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Southpoint Sun (Leamington-Wheatley, ON) – “Leamington flyer forever linked to famous bomber” – Mark Ribble
- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Who really won the War of 1812?” – Denise Ascenzo
- 3rd – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “A legendary Catalina touches down in Cowichan” – Kevin Rothbauer

209 – Best Local Civic Journalism | Meilleur journalisme civique local

Class 2091 – Best Local Civic Journalism, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Yukon News (Whitehorse, YT) – “Yukon special needs students moved off individualized learning plans” – Gabrielle Plonka
- 2nd – Salmon Arm Observer (Salmon Arm, BC) – “Former Syrian refugee shares his love for Ramadan” – Martha Wickett
- 3rd – Glanbrook Gazette (Glanbrook, ON) – “It was one of the most horrific things that ever happened to me” – Tamara Botting

Class 2092 – Best Local Civic Journalism, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “Outdoor vendors upset over new COVID-19 regulations that banish them from markets” – Robert Barron

- 2nd – Peninsula News Review (Sidney, BC) – “Collecting empty cans takes a toll on Sidney senior” – Wolfgang Depner
- 3rd – Nanaimo News Bulletin (Nanaimo, BC) – “City long-listed 38 possible sites for supportive housing complex” – Nicholas Pescod

210 – Best Local Cartoon | Meilleure bande dessinée locale

Class 2101 – Best Local Cartoon, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “April 2, 2020” – Patrick LaMontagne
- 2nd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “March 12, 2020” – Patrick LaMontagne
- 3rd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “November 26, 2020” – Patrick LaMontagne

Class 2102 – Best Local Cartoon, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Stoney Creek News (Stoney Creek, ON) – “Winter Weather arrives in Hamilton” – Mike Vukovich
- 2nd – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “Cost of living” – Elly Mossman
- 3rd – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “Boy in the bubble” – Elly Mossman

211 – Best Spot News Photo Coverage | Meilleure photographie – Sur place

Class 2111 – Best Spot News Photo Coverage, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Macleod Gazette (Fort Macleod, AB) – “Rallying against racism” – Frank McTighe
- 2nd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “June 4, 2020” – Evan Buhler
- 3rd – Alberni Valley News (Port Alberni, BC) – “Fire destroys McCoy Lake farm” – Susie Quinn

Class 2112 – Best Spot News Photo Coverage, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – The Beaver (Oakville, ON) – “TO THE RESCUE” – Graham Paine
- 2nd – The Chilliwack Progress (Chilliwack, BC) – “Crews battle large townhouse complex fire from neighbouring balcony” – Jenna Hauck
- 3rd – The Beaver (Oakville, ON) – “‘They came running out’: Suspected carbon monoxide poisoning in Oakville neighbourhood leaves multiple people hospitalized” – Graham Paine

212 – Best News Feature Photo | Meilleure photographie – Reportage d’actualité

Class 2121 – Best News Feature Photo, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “April 9, 2020” – Evan Buhler
- 2nd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “May 21, 2020” – Evan Buhler

- 3rd – Carleton Place-Almonte Canadian Gazette (AlmonteON – “Timeline to a takedown: A manhunt in Carleton Place ends with first degree murder charge” – Tara Gesner

Class 2122 – Best News Feature Photo, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “New skatepark brings out local kids” – Richard Harley
- 2nd – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “Through the Window Glass” – Chris Colbourne
- 3rd – Burlington Post (Burlington, ON) – “Don't be arrogant, it can happen to you” – Graham Paine

213 – Best Feature Photo | Meilleure photographie – Reportage

Class 2131 – Best Feature Photo, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “Aug. 6, 2020” – Evan Buhler
- 2nd – The Macleod Gazette (Fort Macleod, AB) – “EQUINE EMOTIONS” – Emily McTighe
- 3rd – Shilo Stag (CFB Shilo, MB) – “BComd and daughter salute during national anthem” – Jules Xavier

Class 2132 – Best Feature Photo, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “Best Friends” – Dan Riedhuber
- 2nd – Peninsula News Review (Sidney, BC) – “COVID masks open new markets for artist” – Arnold Lim
- 3rd – The Beaver (Oakville, ON) – “Fall Paddle” – Graham Paine

214 – Best Sports Photo | Meilleure photographie – Sport

Class 2141 – Best Sports Photo, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “Dec. 17, 2020” – Evan Buhler
- 2nd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “July 24, 2020” – Evan Buhler
- 2nd – Voice of Pelham (Pelham, ON) – “Canada calls on Koabel” – Bernie Puchalski

Class 2142 – Best Sports Photo, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “Fourth Island title for Brentwood” – Kevin Rothbauer
- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Skatepark a big draw” – Richard Harley

215 – Best Photo Essay | Meilleur essai photographique

Class 2151 – Best Photo Essay, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “Oct. 15, 2020” – Evan Buhler
- 2nd – The Carillon (Steinbach, MB) – “Firefighters put through their paces” – Jordan Ross

- 3rd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “June 4, 2020” – Evan Buhler

Class 2152 – Best Photo Essay, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – The Beaver (Oakville, ON) – “Environmental Education” – Graham Paine
- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Closed for COVID” – Kevin MacLean
- 3rd – The Chilliwack Progress (Chilliwack, BC) – “Unique commencement ceremony as Chilliwack high school students graduate in small groups” – Jenna Hauck

221 – Outstanding Community Service | Excellence en service communautaire

Class 2211 – Outstanding Community Service, Circulation open

- 1st – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Shop Local: Business spotlight”
- 2nd – Gabriola Sounder (Gabriola Island, BC) – “We gather separately this year for Remembrance Day”

223 – Best Coverage of the Arts | Meilleure couverture artistique

Class 2231 – Best Coverage of the Arts, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Haldimand Press (Haldimand County, ON)
- 2nd – The Macleod Gazette (Fort Macleod, AB)
- 3rd – Alberni Valley News (Port Alberni, BC)

Class 2232 – Best Coverage of the Arts, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC)
- 2nd – Nanaimo News Bulletin (Nanaimo, BC)
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON)

224 – Best Sports Coverage | Meilleure couverture sportive

Class 2241 – Best Sports Coverage, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Carillon (Steinbach, MB)
- 2nd – The Macleod Gazette (Fort Macleod, AB)
- 3rd – Alberni Valley News (Port Alberni, BC)

Class 2242 – Best Sports Coverage, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON)
- 2nd – Nanaimo News Bulletin (Nanaimo, BC)
- 3rd – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC)

227 – Best Multimedia Feature | Meilleur reportage multimédia

Class 2271 – Best Multimedia Feature, Circulation open

- 1st – Nanaimo News Bulletin (Nanaimo, BC) – “Black Lives solidarity fills park” – Greg Sakaki

- 2nd – MuskokaRegion.com (Muskoka, ON) – “Highway Pirates” – Pamela Steel, Kim Good
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “NOTL's Choice Awards” – Richard Harley

228 – Best Multimedia Breaking News Coverage | Meilleur reportage multimédia de l'actualité

Class 2281 – Best Multimedia Breaking News Coverage, Circulation open

- 1st – Voice of Pelham (Pelham, ON) – “COVID-19 positive at Fonthill Sobeys” – Dave Burket, John Chick, Don Rickers
- 2nd – Peninsula News Review (Sidney, BC) – “Mother's Day outing turns into tragedy” – Wolfgang Depner, Peninsula News Review Team
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SPECIAL COMPETITIONS | CONCOURS SPÉCIAUX

301 – Best Special Section | Meilleur cahier spécial

Class 3011 – Best Special Section, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Gulf Islands Driftwood (Salt Spring Island, BC) – “The Best of Salt Spring Island 2020”
- 2nd – The Highlander (Haliburton, ON) – “Home in the Highlands”
- 3rd – The Carillon (Steinbach, MB) – “A Dream Becomes Reality”

Class 3012 – Best Special Section, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Surrey NOW-Leader (Surrey/North Delta, BC) – “Next Gen – Celebrating Surrey's Youth”
- 2nd – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “Coping with COVID-19: A Local Survival Guide”
- 3rd – Victoria News (Victoria, BC) – “Lest we forget”

302 – Excellence in Rural Reporting | Excellence en journalisme rural

Class 3021 – Excellence in Rural Reporting, Circulation open

- 1st – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “Farmers shed light on silent fight against mental illness” – Jennifer Henderson
- 2nd – The Sachem (Haldimand County, ON) – “Rural communities a 'hotbed' for human trafficking” – Tara Lindemann
- 3rd – The Haldimand Press (Haldimand County, ON) – “An avalanche of kindness leads to over 400 donations to senior communities” – Mike Renzella

303 – Best Business Writing | Meilleur article d'affaires

Class 3031 – Best Business Writing, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Alberni Valley News (Port Alberni, BC) – “Road to recovery remains unpaved” – Susie Quinn

- 2nd – Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News (Tofino/Ucluelet, BC) – “Tofino's first cannabis store opens” – Nora O'Malley
- 3rd – Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News (Tofino/Ucluelet, BC) – “Resorts set to reopen” – Andrew Bailey

Class 3032 – Best Business Writing, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Pique News Magazine (Whistler & Pemberton, BC) – “Growing Pride: Lil'wat Nation poised to capture economic potential” – Braden Dupuis
- 2nd – Surrey NOW-Leader (Surrey/North Delta, BC) – “Retailers on losing end of online trend” – Tom Zytaruk
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “A stroll through Old Town” – Richard Harley

304 – Best Agricultural Edition | Meilleur numéro sur l'agriculture

Class 3041 – Best Agricultural Edition, Circulation open

- 1st – The Wainwright Star EDGE (Wainwright, AB) – “2020 Ag Week Safety”
- 2nd – The Macleod Gazette (Fort Macleod, AB) – “Agriculture”

305 – Best Agricultural Story | Meilleur article sur l'agriculture

Class 3051 – Best Agricultural Story, Circulation open

- 1st – Canadian Champion (Milton, ON) – “Development putting pressure on Halton farmers” – Herb Garbutt
- 2nd – Perth Courier (Perth, ON) – “Backlog at provincial abattoirs affecting Lanark County farmers” – Desmond Devoy
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Harvest Time” – Jill Troyer

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- 3rd – Sooke News Mirror (Sooke, BC)

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- 2nd – Peninsula News Review (Sidney, BC)
- 3rd – Flamborough Review (Waterdown, ON)

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- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON)
- 3rd – Observer (Elmira-Woolwich, ON)

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- 1st – Vibank Quad Town Forum (Vibank, SK) – “I just wanted my truck back”; Odessa-area farmer leads RCMP to arrest of suspects in officer's death” – Brad Brown
- 2nd – The Haldimand Press (Haldimand County, ON) – “Migrant Workers Alliance calls for changes after newest death in Haldimand Norfolk” – Mike Renzella
- 3rd – Almaguin News (Burks Falls, ON) – “Is OPP equipped to handle mental health calls” – Sarah Cooke

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- 1st – Comox Valley Record (Courtenay/Comox Valley, BC) – “Family of machete attack victim dealing with fact charges may never be laid” – Terry Farrell
- 2nd – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “Fire ravages St. Albert seniors' home” – Kevin Ma
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Firefighters battle blaze into morning” – Richard Harley

202 – Best Feature Story | Meilleur article de fond

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- 1st – The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal (Ashcroft, BC) – “Amid the devastation in Lytton, some glimmers of hope remain” – Barbara Roden
- 2nd – Respect (Cold Lake, AB) – “Metis Crossing, a gathering place” – Jeff Gaye
- 3rd – The Haldimand Press (Haldimand County, ON) – “Geronimo's Dream: Mohawk Institute Residential School survivor shares his story, building memorial” – Mike Renzella

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- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “April 15, 2021” – Greg Colgan
- 2nd – Voice of Pelham (Pelham, ON) – “Breaking her silence / Keeping Faith” – Helen Tran
- 3rd – Mission Record (Mission, BC) – “Wake up and can't smell the coffee” – Patrick Penner

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- 1st – The Chilliwack Progress (Chilliwack, BC) – “Famous Chilliwack bookstore cat, Nietzsche, dies” – Jenna Hauck
- 2nd – Comox Valley Record (Courtenay/Comox Valley, BC) – “Valley woman makes historic name change for truth and reconciliation” – Erin Haluschak
- 3rd – The News (Parksville/Qualicum Beach, BC) – “Heart-warming transplant tale” – Mandy Moraes

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- 1st – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “Citadel Mews Fire” – Kevin Ma, Jennifer Henderson, Brittany Gervais
- 2nd – Pique News Magazine (Whistler & Pemberton, BC) – “Ransomware” – Braden Dupuis
- 3rd – Burlington Post (Burlington, ON) – “‘More than ever they are wanting their voices heard’: Halton police reaching out to diverse communities” – David Lea, Bambang Sadewo, Kathy Yanchus

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- 1st – The Yukon News (Whitehorse/Yukon Territory, YT) – Keith Halliday
- 2nd – The Eastern Graphic (Montague, PE) – Paul MacNeill
- 3rd – The Chilliwack Progress (Chilliwack, BC) – Paul Henderson

205 – Outstanding Reporter Initiative | Esprit journalistique exceptionnel

Class 2051 – Outstanding Reporter Initiative, Circulation open

- 1st – The World-Spectator (Moosomin, SK) – “Flight from Afghanistan” – Kevin Weedmark
- 2nd – The Low Down To Hull & Back News (Wakefield, QC) – “Chelsea teacher banned from class for wearing hijab, For Fatemeh” – Trevor Greenway
- 3rd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “Buried in the Aftermath” – Tanya Foubert, Greg Colgan, Evan Buhler

206 – Best National Editorial | Meilleur éditorial national

Class 2061 – Best National Editorial, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Haldimand Press (Haldimand County, ON) – “Is being Canadian something to brag about in 2021?” – Mike Renzella
- 2nd – Alberni Valley News (Port Alberni, BC) – “PM's misstep could be costly” – Susie Quinn
- 3rd – The Carillon (Steinbach, MB) – “Campaign to remove Sloan a test for Conservatives” – Greg Vandermeulen

Class 2062 – Best National Editorial, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “Presumed consent” – Andrea Rondeau
- 2nd – East Central Alberta Review (Coronation/Stettler, AB) – “Our collective shame” – Brenda Schimke
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Shining a light on atrocities” – Richard Harley

207 – Best Local Editorial | Meilleur éditorial local

Class 2071 – Best Local Editorial, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Highlander (Haliburton, ON) – “At a crossroads” – Mike Baker
- 2nd – Gulf Islands Driftwood (Salt Spring Island, BC) – “Stick to the Topic” – Gail Sjuberg
- 3rd – Voice of Pelham (Pelham, ON) – “Two years of blissful silence, but the natterer may be back” – Dave Burket

Class 2072 – Best Local Editorial, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Short-term rentals Part 2: Too much industry influence” – Richard Harley
- 2nd – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “It’s our right to seek accountability” – St. Albert Gazette Editorial Board
- 3rd – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “Overdose crisis” – Andrea Rondeau

208 – Best Historical Story | Meilleur article historique

Class 2081 – Best Historical Story, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Shilo Stag (CFB Shilo, MB) – “Great-great-uncle Pte Cecil Minary diligent writing letters home” – Jules Xavier
- 2nd – The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal (Ashcroft, BC) – “A brief history of Lytton, which might have been BC’s capital” – Barbara Roden
- 3rd – The Macleod Gazette (Fort Macleod, AB) – “Vimy Ridge remembered” – Frank McTigue

Class 2082 – Best Historical Story, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Remembering heroics of Victoria Cross soldier” – Evan Saunders
- 2nd – Pique News Magazine (Whistler & Pemberton, BC) – “The Legend of Frank Gott” – Alyssa Noel
- 3rd – Victoria News (Victoria, BC) – “Aiming high: The pioneer of female sharpshooting” – Jane Skrypnek

209 – Best Local Civic Journalism | Meilleur journalisme civique local

Class 2091 – Best Local Civic Journalism, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “Buried in the Aftermath” – Tanya Foubert, Greg Colgan, Evan Buhler
- 2nd – Manitoulin Expositor (Manitoulin Island, ON) – “Out of the Shadows” – Warren Schlote
- 2nd – Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News (Tofino/Ucluelet, BC) – “Municipal And Regional District Tax” – Andrew Bailey

Class 2092 – Best Local Civic Journalism, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Surrey NOW-Leader (Surrey/North Delta, BC) – “McCallum charged” – Tom Zytaruk, Aaron Hinks
- 2nd – Victoria News (Victoria, BC) – “Residents perceive increase in crime” – Jane Skrypnek
- 3rd – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “Will the city’s solar farm make money? Have a look at the numbers” – Kevin Ma

210 – Best Local Cartoon | Meilleure bande dessinée locale

Class 2101 – Best Local Cartoon, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Gulf Islands Driftwood (Salt Spring Island, BC) – “Help Wanted” – Dennis Parker
- 2nd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “July 22, 2021” – Patrick LaMontagne
- 3rd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “July 8, 2021” – Patrick LaMontagne

Class 2102 – Best Local Cartoon, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Observer (Elmira-Woolwich, ON) – Scott Arnold
- 2nd – Stoney Creek News (Stoney Creek, ON) – “Can the Groundhog tell us...” – Mike Vukovich
- 3rd – Stoney Creek News (Stoney Creek, ON) – “Golf courses finally opened in Ontario” – Mike Vukovich

211 – Best Spot News Photo Coverage | Meilleure photographie – Sur place

Class 2111 – Best Spot News Photo Coverage, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “Jan. 7, 2021” – Evan Buhler
- 2nd – The Independent of Petrolia and Central Lambton (Petrolia, ON) – “Two people found dead in Petrolia home” – Alex Kurial
- 3rd – Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News (Tofino/Ucluelet, BC) – “Trudeau's ill-timed Tofino vacation” – Nora O'Malley

Class 2112 – Best Spot News Photo Coverage, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – The News (Parksville/Qualicum Beach, BC) – “Saving poochie” – Michael Briones
- 2nd – The Beaver (Oakville, ON) – “VIDEO: Large house fire in Oakville leaves firefighter injured as flames and smoke shoot through roof” – Graham Paine
- 3rd – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “Torrential rain causes havoc across Cowichan” – Sarah Simpson

212 – Best News Feature Photo | Meilleure photographie – Reportage d'actualité

Class 2121 – Best News Feature Photo, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “June 17, 2021” – Evan Buhler
- 2nd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “June 3, 2021” – Evan Buhler
- 3rd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “April 13, 2021” – Evan Buhler

Class 2122 – Best News Feature Photo, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Santa cycles for palliative care” – Richard Harley
- 2nd – The Beaver (Oakville, ON) – “CELEBRATION TIME” – Graham Paine
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Canadians escape at NOTL airport” – Richard Harley

213 – Best Feature Photo | Meilleure photographie – Reportage

Class 2131 – Best Feature Photo, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “March 18, 2021” – Evan Buhler
- 2nd – Manitoulin Expositor (Manitoulin Island, ON) – “Night Bite” – Aaron Case
- 2nd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “March 6, 2021” – Evan Buhler
- 2nd – Vibank Quad Town Forum (Vibank, SK) – “Calm before the storm” – Brad Brown

214 – Best Sports Photo | Meilleure photographie – Sport

Class 2141 – Best Sports Photo, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “Dec. 9, 2021” – Evan Buhler
- 2nd – Alberni Valley News (Port Alberni, BC) – “Riding the waves” – Elena Rardon
- 3rd – The Lake Cowichan Gazette (Lake Cowichan, BC) – “Kraken's 1st Wins” – Kevin Rothbauer

Class 2142 – Best Sports Photo, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “Duncan entries among Island's best at tadpole regionals” – Kevin Rothbauer
- 2nd – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “Because it's a great shot” – Kevin Rothbauer
- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Hot tennis matches on scorching weekend” – Evan Saunders

215 – Best Photo Essay | Meilleur essai photographique

Class 2151 – Best Photo Essay, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The World-Spectator (Moosomin, SK) – “Trudeau Cowesses visit” – Kevin Weedmark
- 2nd – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB) – “March 18, 2021” – Evan Buhler
- 3rd – Voice of Pelham (Pelham, ON) – “A life well lived, A man well loved” – Dave Burket

221 – Outstanding Community Service | Excellence en service communautaire

Class 2211 – Outstanding Community Service, Circulation open

- 1st – Goldstream News Gazette (Victoria, BC) – “Truth and Reconciliation” – Cathy Webster, Goldstream Gazette Team

- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Pandemic Heroes: 15-week celebration of town's heroes” – Richard Harley, Kevin MacLean
- 3rd – The World-Spectator (Moosomin, SK) – “Flight from Afghanistan” – Kevin Weedmark

223 – Best Coverage of the Arts | Meilleure couverture artistique

Class 2231 – Best Coverage of the Arts, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – Rocky Mountain Outlook (Canmore/Kananaskis/Banff/Lake Louise, AB)
- 2nd – Alberni Valley News (Port Alberni, BC)
- 3rd – The Haldimand Press (Haldimand County, ON)

Class 2232 – Best Coverage of the Arts, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC)
- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON)
- 2nd – Nanaimo News Bulletin (Nanaimo, BC)

224 – Best Sports Coverage | Meilleure couverture sportive

Class 2241 – Best Sports Coverage, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Haldimand Press (Haldimand County, ON)
- 2nd – The Carillon (Steinbach, MB)
- 3rd – The Macleod Gazette (Fort Macleod, AB)

Class 2242 – Best Sports Coverage, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC)
- 2nd – Nanaimo News Bulletin (Nanaimo, BC)
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON)

226 – Best Community Newspaper Website | Meilleur site Web

Class 2261 – Best Community Newspaper Website, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Highlander (Haliburton, ON)
- 2nd – North Grenville Times (North Grenville, ON)
- 3rd – Voice of Pelham (Pelham, ON)

Class 2262 – Best Community Newspaper Website, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Surrey NOW-Leader (Surrey/North Delta, BC)
- 2nd – Victoria News (Victoria, BC)
- 3rd – Delta Optimist (Delta, BC)

227 – Best Multimedia Feature | Meilleur reportage multimédia

Class 2271 – Best Multimedia Feature, Circulation open

- 1st – Parry Sound North Star (Parry Sound, ON) – “National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Now called IndigenousLocal)” – Kim Good, Sarah Bissonette, Joyce Jonathan Crone

- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “A short cut to mushrooms” – Richard Harley, Nicholas Rothwell
- 2nd – Capital News (Kelowna, BC) – “White Rock Lake wildfire devastates North Westside homes” – Aaron Hemens, Jen Zielinski

228 – Best Multimedia Breaking News Coverage | Meilleur reportage multimédia de l'actualité

Class 2281 – Best Multimedia Breaking News Coverage, Circulation open

- 1st – Capital News (Kelowna, BC) – “Multiple deaths reported after 'catastrophic' crane collapse in Kelowna” – Paula Tran, Jen Zielinski, Michael Rodriguez
- 2nd – Okotoks Western Wheel (Okotoks, AB) – “Okotoks Western Wheel-Best Multimedia Breaking News” – Lauryn Heintz, Brent Calver
- 3rd – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “5 halls, Forest Service douse Maple Bay fire” – Sarah Simpson, Kevin Rothbauer, Andrea Rondeau

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS | CONCOURS SPÉCIAUX

301 – Best Special Section | Meilleur cahier spécial

Class 3011 – Best Special Section, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The Haldimand Press (Haldimand County, ON) – “Remembrance Day: Honouring our nation's heroes”
- 2nd – The Wainwright Star EDGE (Wainwright, AB) – “2021 Bridal Guide”
- 3rd – Smiths Falls Record News (Smiths Falls, ON) – “Summer Games 2021”

Class 3012 – Best Special Section, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Surrey NOW-Leader (Surrey/North Delta, BC) – “Community Leader Awards”
- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “NOTL: A Guide for Distinguished Explorers”
- 3rd – Nanaimo News Bulletin (Nanaimo, BC) – “Best of the City 2021”
- 3rd – The Chronicle (Ladysmith/Chemainus, BC) – “Congratulations Graduates”

302 – Excellence in Rural Reporting | Excellence en journalisme rural

Class 3021 – Excellence in Rural Reporting, Circulation open

- 1st – Glanbrook Gazette (Glanbrook, ON) – “Glanbrook landscape rapidly changing with development” – Tara Lindemann
- 2nd – Cowichan Valley Citizen (Duncan, BC) – “Price Park bench symbol of longtime friendship” – Kevin Rothbauer
- 3rd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Coyote Dynasty: Hunter says hobby is legal, needed” – Richard Harley

303 – Best Business Writing | Meilleur article d'affaires

Class 3031 – Best Business Writing, Circulation up to 9999

- 1st – The World-Spectator (Moosomin, SK) – “K1, K2 potash shafts closed as brine flow increases” – Kevin Weedmark
- 2nd – The Chronicle (Ladysmith/Chemainus, BC) – “Rocky Creek commercial plaza” – Cole Schisler
- 2nd – The World-Spectator (Moosomin, SK) – “Kihew Fabco a step on the road to economic independence”

Class 3032 – Best Business Writing, Circulation 10000 and over

- 1st – Surrey NOW-Leader (Surrey/North Delta, BC) – “Stores hurting over 295.5% tariff” – Tom Zytaruk
- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “Americans have been allowed into Canada for more than a week. Where are they?” – Evan Saunders
- 3rd – St. Albert Gazette (St. Albert, AB) – “Paging Dr. Roy to the inventor's lab” – Scott Hayes

304 – Best Agricultural Edition | Meilleur numéro sur l'agriculture

Class 3041 – Best Agricultural Edition, Circulation open

- 1st – The Haldimand Press (Haldimand County, ON) – “Farms: Harvest 2021”
- 2nd – The Carillon (Steinbach, MB) – “Agriculture Now”
- 3rd – The World-Spectator (Moosomin, SK) – “The World Spectator Ag News”

305 – Best Agricultural Story | Meilleur article sur l'agriculture

Class 3051 – Best Agricultural Story, Circulation open

- 1st – Manitoulin Expositor (Manitoulin Island, ON) – “Neighbours' dispute in Green Bay area brings focus to rural 'right to farm' debate” – Michael Erskine
- 2nd – The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) – “NOTL wineries say new aid program is a big help” – Jill Troyer
- 3rd – Nanaimo News Bulletin (Nanaimo, BC) – “Abattoir proposed as meat-processing sites dwindling” – Karl Yu

TBC

2020 Special Competitions – Class 3031 - Best Business Writing, Circulation up to 9999

– Rita Legault rita.legault@qcgnc.ca (2 more entries) emailed 11/15 - she'll finish it tonight 11/15 -

DONE

2021 Premier Awards – Class 2031 - Best Feature Series, Circulation up to 9999

– Steve Warburton gnews@glengarrynews.ca (did not start) emailed publisher Richard Mahoney 11/15

2021 Premier Awards – Class 2032 - Best Feature Series, Circulation 10000 and over

– Danielle Gordon-Broome editor@starandtimes.ca (did not start) emailed 11/15 - she is starting it now 11/15 - **DONE**

2021 Premier Awards – Class 2132 - Best Feature Photo, Circulation 10000 and over

– Melissa Tait mtait@globeandmail.com (did not start) email went to spam - she is starting it now 11/15

2021 Premier Awards – Class 2152 - Best Photo Essay, Circulation 10000 and over

– Evan Buhler evanbphoto@gmail.com (did not start) emailed 11/15 - he is starting it now 11/15 -

DONE

2021 Premier Awards – Class 2242 - Best Sports Coverage, Circulation 10000 and over

– John Kendle john.kendle@canstarnews.com (did not start) emailed 11/15 - he is starting it today -

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