

Paul Sutherland

"Passionate, engaged outdoorsman"

A few years ago Paul sent in an application form to become a member of AWA while he was living in Fort McMurray. As time passed, and after a chance meeting in the Great Sandhills with Christyann and Dan Olson who were just as surprised as he was to meet someone walking the dunes, Paul let us know he would like to become more involved with AWA. Sometime after, Paul moved to Calgary and contacted AWA. His passion for wildlife, a healthy environment, and his newfound time allowed him to become immersed in AWA's outreach programs. Paul organized some of our most successful hikes and talks programs. He didn't mind braving the icy waters of the Bighorn River to work on monitoring programs and he never said: "No – I can't do that." Paul is the Race Course Marshall for our annual Run for Wilderness. He has been a valued colleague and a tremendous support. We had planned to give him this award last year but couldn't because he was on an extended vacation, learning how to be retired. We are thrilled to honour him with this award.