

2015 Annual Meeting Award Winners

Skyline Award | Steve Kotke



Steve is the Director of Public Works for the City of Minneapolis and has long been a friend to the Minneapolis Downtown Council. He has been an outstanding partner, having not only understood and embraced the work being done through our 2025 Plan but has helped us bring this plan to life. Steve is a leader in Minneapolis and is serious about what it takes to have an extraordinary downtown; he has been a sensational collaborator with the business community on major downtown projects, and our downtown continues to thrive because of the Steve’s work. Steve announced in 2015 that after 10 years as Public Works Director and 27 years with the city that he will soon be stepping down from his post.

Downtown Improvement District Ambassador of the Year | Ada Townsend



Ada Townsend was chosen as the 2015 Ambassador of the year. Ada serves as a Safety Ambassador, and in 2015 she helped 2,809 people with directions, assistance, and recommendations. She has a love and passion for her work and the Ambassador program that drives her to give the best service to everyone she encounters. She goes out every morning with a big smile and a positive attitude, rain, snow, or cold.



Minneapolis Downtown Council 2025 Plan Leadership Award Winners

DEVELOPMENT	DOWNTOWN EXPERIENCE	GREENING & PUBLIC REALM	TRANSPORTATION	ENDING STREET HOMELESSNESS	FESTIVAL OF IDEAS MIX
 Jennifer Gordon & Brent Webb	 PARKLOTS Made Here MN	 Kjersti Monson & Jennifer Ringold	 Commissioner Peter McLaughlin	 Mikkel Beckmen	 Eric Caugh