



Current Affairs

Sprawlcast - Jeremy Klaszus

Dear NCRA/ANREC,

Please accept this submission by CJSW, on behalf of the Sprawlcast program hosted by Jeremy Klaszus, for the category of Current Affairs.

Jeremy Klaszus has been hosting Sprawlcast in collaboration with CJSW since 2018. In that time, he has covered a vast array of topics critical to urban development, social justice, and environmental sustainability. The podcast fills a much-needed niche for in-depth independent journalism in Calgary and its surrounding areas.

In 2023, Sprawlcast has provided much needed depth to topics such as Calgary's new arena deal and reflections on the 2021 mayoral election. Both episodes, respectively, sought to find and explore the nuances in deeply polarizing local stories.

Jeremy's tact is on full display in the excerpts included for submission. In 'The real costs of Calgary's new arena deal', both the history of large-scale sports developments in the city and the current political climate are taken deeply into consideration. The clever editing, which highlights different interviews by weaving them in and out of one another, creates a captivating show that sinks one into each respective topic and progresses in a natural story-telling style. This standard of enjoyment applies to all the Sprawlcast episodes, as the quality never wavers.

I personally feel that Sprawlcast has enriched my understanding of local politics, and even changed my perspective on issues I once felt strongly about in one-way. It is an honour to be able to write to you in favour of its recognition. Thank you for considering Sprawlcast for the category of Current Affairs.

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