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## Elite Athlete recognized

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie is excited to announce our 2012 Elite Athlete award recipient, Emily Lambert. A first degree black belt in Shotokan Karate, Emily has been ranked number one in Alberta for four years and is a member of the Canadian National team. When she is not competing, Emily gives back to the community by coaching karate and band. She also volunteers with the Airdrie Festival of Lights, Mustard Seed and numerous other local organizations.

“We are very proud of all of our local athletes,” said Mayor Peter Brown. “Emily’s accomplishments in her sport combined with the significant volunteer efforts in and around Airdrie make her very deserving of this recognition.”

An Airdrie resident for seven years, Emily was ranked second for individual fighting in the 2012 World Karate Federation’s (WKF) Canadian Karate National Championships. In the 2012 US Open, Emily took home second for team fighting and third for individual fighting.

The Airdrie Elite Athlete Recognition Program recognizes athletes that have achieved exceptional status in their sport. Part of the criteria is to measure the athlete’s ties to Airdrie through significant contributions to the community and that the athlete has lived within the Airdrie School Boundaries for a minimum of three years.

Genesis Place is home to a tribute wall of plaques recognizing our elite athletes. Emily’s plaque will be added to the wall at a ceremony held in the New Year.

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