



2005 UBCM COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS RECOGNIZE THE BEST IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Vancouver, BC – The 2005 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Excellence Awards were presented at the centennial convention today recognizing the “leaders of the pack” in municipalities and regional districts.

Winners of these prestigious awards have shown they have what it takes to innovate, establish new partnerships, challenge the conventional ways of doing business, and pioneer new customer-focused practices. Awards were presented in five categories with “Leadership and Innovation” awards divided by size of community.

Award

Winner

Best Practices:

Capital Regional District, Hazardous Waste Management

Best Practices, Annual Reporting:

District of Pitt Meadows
Hon. Mention: District of North Vancouver

Best Practices, Website:

City of Duncan & City of Richmond (tie)

Leadership & Innovation:

Small Community:

District of Chetwynd, Windmill Project

Mid-Sized Community:

City of Revelstoke, Community Energy Project

Large Community:

City of Kelowna, Glenmore Landfill

Microturbine/Gas Recovery Project

Regional District:

Capital Regional District, Hartland Landfill Gas Utilization Project

Partnerships – Local Government and School District Collaboration:

District of Saanich & Greater Victoria School District #61 for the Colquitz Middle School – Community Space Development

Selection Process:

Members of the UBCM President’s Committee, along with field experts in each award category, evaluated submissions in terms of how they demonstrate “excellence” as a product of the results achieved. Results were also based on the community’s capacity; for instance, the size or resources of the local government involved.

The 2005 UBCM Community Excellence awards are sponsored by the Ministry of Community Services, CH2M HILL, and the BC School Trustees Association.

The UBCM represents the interests of British Columbia's 184 municipalities and regional districts. This annual event is the largest meeting of local government officials and is the primary policy-setting forum for municipalities and regional districts.

For more information on the event, go to <http://www.civicnet.bc.ca>.

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