

2010 Energy & Climate Action Awards Invitation: Application Deadline August 20, 2010**Your invitation for the...****2010 Energy & Climate Action Awards**

The Community Energy Association and Union of BC Municipalities are pleased to invite all local governments in British Columbia to participate in the 2010 Energy & Climate Action Awards competition. The awards are offered annually to a municipality or regional district implementing a project or program best integrating energy /climate planning into community planning processes and development strategies. Awards are offered in two categories:

- 1. Community Planning and Development**
- 2. Corporate Operations**

About the Awards

The design of a community — its density and land-use patterns, transportation options, buildings and infrastructure — has a major impact on the community's energy consumption, energy sustainability, local economy, air quality and contribution to climate change. As energy costs climb, long-term energy affordability and energy security become important community objectives. Energy efficiency and renewable energy can be built into communities from the start or through redevelopments and retrofits.

The Community Energy Association (CEA) promotes sustainable community development through planning and implementation of energy-efficient land use, transportation, buildings and infrastructure, and renewable or alternative energy supply. CEA has recognized the efforts of local and regional governments best exemplifying the spirit of energy awareness in community planning since 1998.

Eligibility

All BC municipalities and regional districts are encouraged to apply. Winners come from all sizes of communities — leadership demonstrated to surmount challenges is an important judging criterion. Large or small, come one, come all!

A submission must be based on an action or a commitment to act. Eligible actions or commitments include: adopted plans, bylaws, regulations, policies, inducements or rewards programs, education programs, technological or institutional innovation, or project implementation. Commitments are only eligible if there is demonstrated commitment to implementation, e.g. approval to proceed, work plans, budgets or funding. Draft plans are not eligible.

Criteria

Judging criteria in both categories include:

- **Energy /Climate Action:** Integration of energy and climate action considerations, including: dense, compact development, community design supporting low impact transportation, efficient buildings and infrastructure, and renewable energy.
- **Demonstrated Community Leadership:** Leadership demonstrated by elected officials and staff and barriers faced and overcome (e.g. geography, limited resources, small community population base).
- **Energy Impact and Cost Effectiveness:** Demonstrated or projected energy produced or saved, GHG reductions, and cost savings.
- **Best Practices and Innovation:** Forefront of local government practices and replicability potential for others.

Recognition

Winning local governments receive a trophy or plaque, news release, recognition at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention in Whistler, and a presentation to the winning Council or Board.

Submission

Please download the **electronic application** from the Community Energy Association website at www.communityenergy.bc.ca (Showcase and Awards category). Further instructions are on the

Deadline

Please submit electronic applications.

Email applications to: awards@communityenergy.bc.ca by **5:00 pm, Friday, August 20, 2010.**

Hard copies will not be accepted.

2009 Energy & Climate Action Award Winners

The 2009 Energy & Climate Action Awards were presented by the **Honourable John Yap, Minister of State for Climate Action**, at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention banquet. **Town of Gibsons** won the **Community Planning and Development** category for the development of the innovative Upper Gibsons Neighbourhood Plan and its centerpiece, the Upper Gibsons Geo-exchange District Energy Utility. **District of Lake Country** won the **Corporate Operations** category for the Lake Country Hydroelectric Generating Station, a low impact micro-hydro project that harnesses clean power from the water supply system.

Honourable Mentions were awarded to **City of Prince George** for a broad spectrum of innovative initiatives demonstrating city-wide dedication and commitment to reducing greenhouse gases and **Corporation of Delta** for its comprehensive and progressive Climate Change Initiative.

2009 Energy & Climate Action Awards Ceremony



2009 Energy & Climate Action Awards - Winners and Presenters (left to right):

Helen Iosfin, Director of Asset Management, BC Hydro;
 Robert Hobson, President, UBCM;
 Richard White, Co-chair, Community Energy Association;
 Honourable John Yap, Minister of State for Climate Action;
 Mayor Barry Janyk, Town of Gibsons;
 Mayor Lois Jackson, Corporation of Delta;
 Mayor James Baker, District of Lake Country;
 Councillor Don Basserman, City of Prince George.

Award Winners

All local governments that engage in energy and greenhouse gas emissions planning and action are winners; cost-savings, energy security and other benefits make sound energy planning a win-win strategy. Past award winners:

Local Government	Population	Description	Year
Town of Gibsons	4,000	Neighbourhood Plan and District Energy Utility	2009 Award – Community
District of Lake Country	11,000	Lake Country Hydroelectric Generating Station	2009 Award – Operations
Resort Municipality of Whistler	9,000	Whistler Athlete Village (WAV)	2008 Award – Community
City of Castlegar	8,000	Energy Efficient Municipal Hall	2008 Award – Operations
District of Ucluelet	1,000	Sustainable Energy Policies	2007 Award – Community
District of Houston	3,000	Ground-source Heated Leisure Centre	2007 Award – Operations
City of Dawson Creek	11,000	Community Energy Planning	2006 Energy Aware Award
City of North Vancouver	47,000	Greenhouse Gas Action Plan	2005 Energy Aware Award
City of Revelstoke	8,000	Renewable-Energy District Heating	2004 Energy Aware Award
City of White Rock	19,000	LEED Gold Operations Building	2003 Energy Aware Award