

2011 Climate & Energy Action Awards Invitation

Application Deadline August 19, 2011



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Ministry of Environment



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Your invitation for the 2011 Climate & Energy Action Awards

The Community Energy Association, BC Ministry of Environment, BC Hydro, Fortis BC and Union of BC Municipalities are pleased to invite all local governments in British Columbia to participate in the 2011 Climate & Energy 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 and development processes. Awards are offered in three categories:

1. **Community Planning and Development**
2. **Corporate Operations**
3. **Public Sector Organization & Local Government Partnerships**

A community's density and land-use patterns, transportation options, buildings and infrastructure have a major impact on its 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, 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 population).
- **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.
- **Collaboration:** District energy development, energy upgrades on shared facilities, capacity building and other PSO/LG partnerships.

Recognition

Winners receive a trophy or plaque, news release, recognition at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention and a presentation to Council or Board.

Submission

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

Deadline

Please submit electronic applications.

Email applications to:

awards@communityenergy.bc.ca

by **5:00 pm, Friday, August 19, 2011.**

Hard copies will not be accepted.

2010 Climate & Energy Action Award Winners

The 2010 Climate & Energy Action Awards were presented by the **Honourable John Yap, Minister of State for Climate Action** at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

City of Prince George won the award in the Community Planning and Development category for implementation of its Greenhouse Gas Management Plan, including development of a downtown district energy system and a community energy mapping project for residential buildings.

District of Maple Ridge won the award in the Corporate Operations category for energy efficiency upgrades to the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre and an innovative approach to reducing energy use from information services (IT).

Honourable Mentions were awarded to: **City of Campbell River** for its triple bottom line approach to corporate building renovations; **District of Tofino** for leading edge application of planning policy and a wide array of implementation initiatives throughout the community; and **City of North Vancouver** for the development of its Community Energy and Emissions Plan.

Award Winners: All local governments engaging 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
City of Prince George	76,000	Implementation of GHG Management Plan	2010 Award - Community
District of Maple Ridge	76,000	Energy Efficiency Upgrades	2010 Award - Operations
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

2010 Climate & Energy Action Awards Ceremony



2010 Climate & Energy Action Awards - Winners and Presenters (left to right):

Back Row: Norm Connolly, Executive Director, Community Energy Association; Mayor Ernie Daykin, District of Maple Ridge; Mayor Charlie Cornfield, City of Campbell River

Front Row: Mayor John Fraser, District of Tofino; Councillor Cameron Stolz, City of Prince George; John Yap, Minister of State for Climate Action; Bev Van Ruyven, Deputy CEO and Executive Vice President BC Hydro; Mayor Darrell Mussatto, City of North Vancouver.