

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mayor's message, which is included in the 'Community Energy Plan', best sums up the approach that local government is taking in moving towards a more energy efficient community. Mayor Fox' message is as follows:

"The District of Vanderhoof Council supports the BC Energy Plan and is one of 30 municipalities participating in the Province's 'Community Action on Energy Efficiency' initiative.

Because we are concerned about the rising costs of energy and the impacts of increased energy demands on the environment, Council has chosen to lead the community in efforts to become more energy efficient.

The District of Vanderhoof 'Community Energy Plan' sets out a strategy in which all residents can participate and help our community reach 'greener' goals, including, among others, energy efficiencies and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. If we all do our part, we can look forward to a 'cleaner' energy future and a commitment to support a strong community in terms of energy conservation and efficiency now and for future generations."

Council started with a vision for our community, a vision whereby our residents would collectively work towards becoming a 'greener', healthier community. Subsequently, Council took the lead, allocated funding in the budget and hired a planner to assist in moving the process one step further. An energy committee was struck to draft a plan that would outline the processes by which we could attain the goals and objectives of becoming an energy efficient community.

After several drafts, the District of Vanderhoof 'Community Energy Plan' was finalized and adopted by Council on June 20, 2007.

We are entering the District of Vanderhoof 'Community Energy Plan' in the 'Corporate Operations' category of the 2007 Energy Aware Award Competition.

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