

## News Release

### **Another Accolade for the City of North Vancouver's Lonsdale Energy Corporation**

November 7, 2014

The Lonsdale Energy Corporation has received a prestigious Business Excellence Award from the North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has recognized LEC in the area of 'innovation' for its creative approach to business growth, success in unique business methods and reaching new markets. The award was presented at the North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce 17<sup>th</sup> annual Business Excellence Awards event.

"This is a great honour and important recognition from our business community," says Ben Themens, Director, Lonsdale Energy Corporation. "LEC is often approached by other municipalities about implementing a district energy service. We are fortunate to have patient capital available since such a system is initially capital intensive. The success of LEC can also be attributed to a supportive community and progressive leaders. A district energy system is most successful in a populated area where most of the buildings connect to it. Over the years, LEC has received tremendous support from past and current Councils who are the true champions of this achievement."

The Lonsdale Energy Corporation currently has six mini-plants located throughout the City of North Vancouver, serving customers in the Lower Lonsdale, Central Lonsdale, and Marine Harbourside areas. LEC's mini-plants use a combination of high efficiency natural gas boilers, ground source heat pumps, heat recovery from building cooling, and solar thermal panels to heat hot water. The hot water is circulated through a series of underground insulated pipes, providing energy for heating and hot water to residences and businesses within the supply areas. The whole process is contained in a closed loop. Once heat has been delivered to the buildings, the water returns to the mini-plants, where the process of re-heating and circulating begins again. The LEC is committed to delivering environmental benefits and reducing greenhouse gas emissions throughout the City.

Wholly-owned by the City of North Vancouver and established in 2003, the Lonsdale Energy Corporation (LEC) is an award winning district energy system. LEC is providing dependable, clean, and competitively priced energy to 54 buildings totaling over 3,700,000 square feet, including nearly 3,200 residential suites as well as numerous commercial and institutional premises such as the HOpe Centre, Pinnacle Hotel, Queen Mary School and the School District 44 Head Office. By heating our community naturally, the City of North Vancouver can significantly reduce the demand for energy and support global and local climate action efforts. [www.LonsdaleEnergy.ca](http://www.LonsdaleEnergy.ca)

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