

news release



Subject	City of North Vancouver Makes the Switch to a New Sustainable Lighting Retrofit Program
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The City of North Vancouver is implementing a lighting retrofit program at four key civic buildings as part of the City's ongoing commitment to sustainability.

Under the new program, the City's Gerry Brewer RCMP building, Fire Hall and Works Yard will all be retrofitted with lights and fixtures that use less energy but do not compromise existing lighting levels in workspaces. Electrical lights will be replaced with more energy efficient lights and controls. The program also includes plans to evaluate each building's ventilation system and make modifications where necessary to allow for improved energy use.

By making the switch to greener energy lighting options, the City anticipates reducing both its annual electricity consumption by over 252,700 kWh and the level of greenhouse gas emissions utilized each year. The conversions also translate into financial savings for the City and its residents with approximately \$10,000 saved per year in reduced electrical energy costs over the expected lifespan of the four City facilities.

BC Hydro recognizes the City's leadership in retrofitting its civic buildings and has provided \$35,100 in funding toward the program. As a member of BC Hydro's Power Smart Partner Program, the City gains access to BC Hydro funding for energy efficient projects.

The lighting retrofit program is one of several green initiatives that support the City's Greenhouse Gas Local Action Plan, as well as its community vision and overall sustainability goals. In September, the City was honoured with the first-ever Green City Award, which recognizes the City's commitment to create greener, healthier communities. www.cnv.org/Awards

In the area of environmental sustainability, the City has been recognized at the regional, provincial and federal levels for its proactive leadership and progressive approaches. The City's district energy system, Lonsdale Energy Corporation, has received several awards for its innovative heating service. Recently, the City was awarded \$204,000 in funding support, which will enable the City to build solar hot water panels atop the new civic Library that is presently under construction in Central Lonsdale. www.cnv.org/LEC

For more information about the City's sustainability goals and leadership in the area of environmental sustainability, visit www.cnv.org.

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