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City of North Vancouver Receives Climate and Energy Action Award at UBCM

The City of North Vancouver has again been recognized for its leadership in addressing climate change. At the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention in Victoria this week, the Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Environment, presented the City with an award honouring a **Lonsdale Energy Corporation** initiative.

The City won the Public Sector Collaboration category for its innovative LEC and School District 44 partnership project which allowed for the construction of an LEC plant at the School District's new Education Services Centre/Artists for Kids building at 2121 Lonsdale Avenue. This is the first building to which LEC provides cooling in addition to heating. This service is provided with a heat recovery and geo-exchange system located in the building's LEC plant. During the cooling process, LEC is able to recover surplus heat generated by the geothermal heat pump system and recycle it in neighbouring buildings connected to the LEC system. The reduction in energy and greenhouse gases benefits the entire community by contributing to the City's carbon emission targets.

Mayor Darrell Mussatto accepted the honour which is awarded by the Community Energy Association. "The City's district energy vision is one of flexibility and responsiveness, using the most appropriate energy source at all times," says Mayor Darrell Mussatto. "This project serves as a model of collaboration and renewable energy to other school districts and communities throughout B.C."

Environment Minister Terry Lake recognized the City and other municipalities for serving as leading examples in addressing climate change. "They have made a significant difference with limited resources, inspired community members to take action, made innovative use of traditional planning tools, worked collaboratively with Provincial public sector organizations and substantially transformed their communities," says Minister Lake.

The City also received an honourable mention for its energy efficient buildings density bonusing initiative. The City is the first municipality in BC to implement this strategic and proactive policy for new buildings. The City's energy performance zoning requirements ensure that new buildings and houses achieve greater performance than the present requirements of the BC Building Code.

The Lonsdale Energy Corporation recently announced the appointment of Mr. Ben Themens to oversee and lead the expansion of the Lonsdale Energy Corporation. LEC is the City's award winning, wholly owned district energy corporation which provides efficient heating, hot water and cooling to more than 2000 residences and businesses throughout the City. www.cnv.org/LEC

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