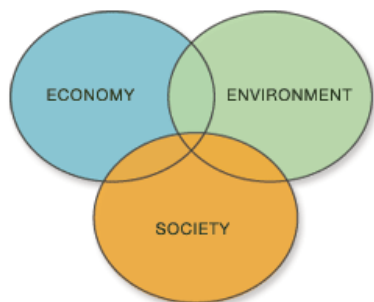




“THE SUSTAINABLE CITY AWARD” PROGRAM

The City of North Vancouver’s **Community Vision** is *to be a vibrant, diverse and highly livable community that strives to balance the social, economic and environmental needs of our community locally*. Achieving this vision involves taking an integrated approach to projects, programs and initiatives – one that considers and responds to the social, economic and environmental implications of actions.



“**The Sustainable City Award**” is a signature award which will highlight and acknowledge outstanding projects and initiatives that exhibit excellence in the integration of sustainability principles.

The key components of sustainability can be represented as three circles with one for each of the environment, economy and community. We must recognize these circles not as separate, unrelated entities but as a single, vital, complete community much like the one we are working to achieve.

Purpose of the Award:

- Annual awards to promote and encourage an integrated approach to sustainability, which is the basis of the City’s Official Community Plan;
- To give recognition to developments, projects and community initiatives which display innovative leadership in integrating aspects of sustainability (economic, environmental, social); and,
- To recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals, community groups, organizations and businesses that are helping to make the City of North Vancouver a more sustainable and liveable community.

“**Sustainability**” means managing our communities in a way that balances the social, economic and environmental implications of our activities in order to meet the needs of people today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Awards Description:

The award(s) will be selected from one of the following categories:

- *Community – individual or non-profit organization;
- *Business – development project, business, corporation.

Zero, one or more awards will be made on an annual basis for outstanding illustration of sustainability principles. If no eligible nominations or applications are received for the various award categories, awards will not be made.

Eligibility:

- Projects, programs or initiatives completed in the last 18 months;
- Must be City-based or have significant benefit to the City;
- Shall illustrate best practices involving *all three* components of sustainability: social, economic, environment. Note: projects focussing on 1 or 2 components are not eligible; and,
- Must be exemplary in:
 - going above and beyond current standards towards the City's goal of a highly liveable complete community;
 - illustrating a balance between social, economic and environmental aspects;
 - providing leadership and commitment in promoting and engagement on sustainability.

Best practices could include strengthening community (building capacity), excellent community projects, improving neighbourhoods and community, improved decision making, corporate governance, sustainable small companies, and understanding/raising awareness of sustainability.

For more detailed information on sustainability and related City policies please refer to the City's Official Community Plan and Sustainability Webpage at www.cnv.org.

Nomination / Application Process:

Nominations or applications are invited from public and from specific groups with a vested interest in sustainability including City advisory bodies. Submissions must use the specified form and are to be received by Community Development staff by September 15th of the year.

Selection Process:

"The Sustainable City Award" submissions will then be referred to a meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission for evaluation and consideration. The award(s) will be selected by the Commission with input from staff as needed.

The awards will be presented by Council during a Council meeting, with the involvement of representatives (Chair) of the committee. The Awards presentation will be made in conjunction with the national World Town Planning Day in November.

City staff affiliated with the APC and/or other designated staff will act as resources in supporting the assessment process and Award announcements.

Publicity:

1. Advertising Program:

- City website; City Views publication;
- Advisory bodies, Chamber of Commerce, community organizations and networks, service clubs.

2. Recognition of Award Recipients:

- Recognized in an awards ceremony at a City Council meeting in conjunction with the National World Town Planning Day in November each year;
- Awards announced in press release, on City website and in City Views publication;
- Recognition at Volunteer Appreciation Reception;
- Letter from City naming the award recipient(s) with a brief description of each award to be sent to related professional associations and agencies as applicable to provide broader recognition.

Further Information

For additional information on “The Sustainable City Award”, please contact Suzanne Smith at ssmith@cnv.org or 604-990-4240.