

News Release

City of North Vancouver's Library Gets Gold for Being Green

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The City of North Vancouver has received another award for its sustainability achievements. The City and its North Vancouver City Library are pleased to announce that the City Library has been awarded LEED® Canada Gold Certification by the Canadian Green Building Council. LEED® stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a rating system for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of green buildings.

The North Vancouver City Library was designed by Diamond Schmitt Architects (Toronto) in a joint venture with CEI Architecture (Vancouver). The building, which was designed and constructed with LEED certification in mind, opened its doors in September, 2008. The popular three story building was modeled and designed with the ideals of sustainability and environmental stewardship, which aligns with the City's mandate and goal of being a sustainable community. The Library is a popular amenity for City residents of all ages, and has also become signature landmark.

"The Library is one of only four buildings on the North Shore to receive LEED Canada Gold certification," says City of North Vancouver Mayor Darrell Mussatto. "This certification demonstrates our commitment to ensuring a more sustainable future for City residents. By incorporating green building practices into our community's civic buildings, we are actively creating a sustainable future."

The Library's infrastructure contains several sustainable features that helped it to achieve the certification, such as radiant heating and cooling, solar panels, low flush toilets, solar shading, unique lighting and green housekeeping. The Library also enjoys high efficiency district energy service provided by the City's award winning Lonsdale Energy Corporation (LEC). Solar panels on the Library roof generate alternative energy which help power LEC's high efficiency boilers. The energy efficient condensing boilers provide heat for the Library and surrounding buildings that are served by the LEC system.

"The green and sustainability features of the building are complemented by the library's extensive collection, creative programming and sustainability tours," says North Vancouver City Library's Chief Librarian, Jane Watkins. "The Library has a large collection of environmental sustainability reading materials and resources, including a kilowatt meter and PowerCost monitor. Monthly tours of the building help to educate the public on how the Library functions in a sustainable manner."

For more information on the North Vancouver City Library's LEED award and other awards, visit: www.cnv.org/Library or www.cnv.org/Successes. For information on LEED, see the Canadian Green Building Council: www.cagbc.org.

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