

Your Invitation for the 2016 Climate & Energy Action Awards

APPLY NOW: Application Deadline is Monday, July 18 2016



Community Energy Association

Connecting communities,
energy and sustainability

The Awards

The Community Energy Association (CEA), Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, BC Hydro, FortisBC and Union of BC Municipalities are pleased to invite all local governments in British Columbia to participate in the **2016 Climate & Energy Action Awards**.

The awards are offered annually to a municipality or regional district implementing a project or program best integrating energy /climate planning into community or corporate planning and development processes. Awards are offered in three categories:

- 1. Community Planning and Development**
- 2. Corporate Operations**
- 3. Public Sector Organization & Local Government Partnerships**

Recognition

All applications are recognized in CEA publications and on CEA's website. A winner is selected for each category. Honourable mentions are selected at the discretion of the independent judging committee.

Recipients receive:

- a trophy and/or plaque,
- a copy of the news release,
- Awards ceremony and presentation by a Provincial Minister at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention,
- a presentation to Council or Board, and
- one year free CEA membership.

Eligibility

All BC municipalities and regional districts are encouraged to apply. Winners come from all sizes of communities — leadership shown and challenges overcome are key judging criteria.

Criteria

Judging criteria for each category include:

- **Energy & climate action**
- **Energy excellence in the built environment**
- **Demonstrated community leadership**
- **Measured impact and cost effectiveness**
- **Best practices and innovation**
- **Collaboration with BC public sector organizations**

Submission

Submission must represent an action or a commitment to act.

Please download the **electronic application and further instructions** from the Community Energy Association website at www.communityenergy.bc.ca by clicking on the 'Celebration' box.

Deadline:

Please submit electronic applications.

Email applications to:

awards@communityenergy.bc.ca

by **5:00 PM, Monday, July 18, 2016.**

Hard copies will not be accepted.



2015 Climate & Energy Action Award Winners

The **2015 Climate & Energy Action Awards** were presented by the **Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment** at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention in Vancouver.

North Cowichan won in the **Community Planning and Development** category for the University Village Sustainable Local Area Plan.



Prince George won in the **Corporate Operations** category for the energy efficient LEED RCMP facility.

An Honourable Mention was awarded to **Richmond** for reducing GHG emissions at the Richmond Ice Centre by 26%.



An Honourable Mention was awarded to **Qualicum Beach** for a new Fire Hall that reduces GHG emissions by 72%.

The awards ceremony was also attended by Darrell Mussatto, Mayor of the City of North Vancouver (CEA Chair) and award co-sponsor representatives Brian Bedford (Director of Local Government Infrastructure and Engineering, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development); Siraz Dalmir (Key Account Manager Local Government, Fortis BC); and Lawrence Pillon (Community Relations, BC Hydro).

Past Award Winners

All local governments engaging in energy and greenhouse gas emissions planning and action are winners. Cost savings, energy security and other benefits make sound energy planning a win-win strategy.

Local Government	Population	Description	Year
City of Richmond	220,300	Alexandra District Geothermal Energy Utility	2014 - Community
City of Nanaimo	83,800	Water Supply System Energy Recovery Facility	2014 - Corporate
Village of Telkwa	1,350	Biomass DE Partnership with School District 54	2014 - Collaboration
North Cowichan	29,800	Climate Action & Energy Plan and Reserve Fund	2013 - Community
City of Surrey	513,300	City Centre District Energy Utility	2013 - Corporate
City of Campbell River & SD72	32,700	Solar Hot Water, EV Charging & Energy Conservation	2013 - Collaboration
City of Surrey	504,700	Transformation of Surrey City Centre	2012 - Community
Village of Nakusp	1,600	Multi-Faceted Approach to Reducing GHG Emissions	2012 - Operations
City of North Vancouver & SD44	51,000	Joint Geothermal/Waste Heat Project	2012 - Collaboration
City of Vancouver	667,000	Greenest City Action Plan	2011 - Community
City of Dawson Creek	12,000	Internal Carbon Fund	2011 - Operations
City of Colwood	17,000	Solar Colwood Initiative	2011 - Collaboration
City of Prince George	76,000	Implementation of GHG Management Plan	2010 Award - Community
District of Maple Ridge	76,000	Energy Efficiency Upgrades	2010 Award - Operations