



City of Victoria's Green Leadership Recognized

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VICTORIA, BC — Two City of Victoria facilities have been recognized for environmental achievement adding more examples to a list of sustainable accomplishments that makes Victoria an obvious choice for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to host their Sustainability Communities conference here in 2011.

"These are fantastic achievements and demonstrate what can be done when a priority is placed on environmental leadership," notes Mayor Dean Fortin.

The focus on environmental stewardship within the City of Victoria, is the main reason the Victoria Conference Centre has just been awarded the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show, which will take place in Victoria February 8 to 11, 2011. This will be the first time that event has ever been held outside of Ottawa, and is considered a major accomplishment for the conference centre. About 850 delegates will attend, which is expected to generate about \$1.4 million into the local economy.

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Canada has awarded the Victoria Conference Centre the BEST (Building Environmental Standards) level 3 certification, recognizing excellence in environmental management and performance.

"We have been striving for this high standard of environmental responsibility and are pleased this focus is paying off," says Victoria Conference Centre General Manager, Jocelyn Jenkyns. "We will be displaying this award with pride at the Conference Centre."

At the same time, the City of Victoria's Burnside Gorge Community Centre has received a rare and prestigious LEED Canada Gold Certification for integrating its building into a former Brownfield site, and for creating a highly efficient and sustainable community facility.

The City of Victoria is committed to a triple bottom line approach in all of its programs and buildings, integrating social and environmental values with prudent fiscal management.

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