City of Victoria Supports the High Tech Sector

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VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria was proud to sponsor the “Education Champion Award” at the VIATEC Technology Awards ceremony last night, and congratulates winner, Ms. Sanjai Sundher.

“Our Greater Victoria economy has over 800 known technology companies, employing more than 13,000 people and generating more than $1.95 billion in revenues and $2.65 billion in economic development annually,” noted Mayor Fortin. “We need to ensure that the City of Victoria remains an attractive place for high tech business to locate and operate.”

Ms. Sundher is a teacher at Reynolds Secondary School and has taught in Victoria for 12 years. She is acknowledged as a master teacher and is known for using technology in the classroom, such as Smart Boards, and a handheld device (“sentios”) for quizzes and reviews, as well as individualized videos. The Education Champion Award recognizes an individual that encourages Greater Victoria students to appreciate innovation, math, or science by promoting or teaching in an interesting and engaging way.

The City of Victoria recognizes the importance of our local high tech sector, and is addressing this sector in a comprehensive Economic Development Strategy currently under development. Mayor Dean Fortin has also shown his recognition of the importance of this sector with the development of the Mayor's Technology Council (MTC).

The MTC was created by Mayor Fortin in 2010 in recognition of the important role the technology industry has come to play in the region. Made up of local entrepreneurs and technology executives, the mandate of the MTC is to encourage the growth of the sector and to support the broader development of a knowledge based society in the Greater Victoria region. The Mayors Technology Council (MTC) supports the City of Victoria in ensuring technology remains a key contributor to Victoria’s economy and to the well being of Victoria’s citizens.

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