City Receives “Gold Standard” Award for Safety in Excavation

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VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria has been awarded the City of Excellence “Gold Standard” award for 2011. This award recognizes local governments for activities that demonstrate safe excavation techniques at or around underground infrastructure.

Receipt of this award indicates the highest standard of safety by all City crews involved in activities related to ground disturbance and excavation, including Public Works, Parks, Engineering, and Occupational Health and Safety. This award recognizes the significant achievement of having no underground infrastructure disturbed by City crews due to excavation or digging in 2011 – a particularly notable accomplishment considering the density of underground infrastructure contained in the region’s downtown core.

The City of Excellence award was presented to Council yesterday by representatives of the BC Common Ground Alliance and the BC Municipal Safety Association. In 2010 the City of Victoria was awarded a City of Excellence Award (Honourable Mention).

The BC Common Ground Alliance is a non-profit organization established to lead development of consistent practices and coordination of activities to ensure the highest possible standards of public safety, worker safety and damage prevention in connection with underground infrastructure. The BC Municipal Safety Association aims to improve worker health and safety through the sharing of knowledge and resources within local government.

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