City Celebrates the 13th Annual Public Works Day

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2012

VICTORIA, BC — On Wednesday, the City of Victoria will host the 13th annual Public Works Day, an open house to provide elementary students with an opportunity to learn more about how the Public Works and Engineering department ensure the community stays healthy, safe and sustainable.

Over 450 students from 10 schools will celebrate the City of Victoria’s 150th Anniversary and will learn what the City is doing to “Cut the Carbon”, a program to create carbon neutral municipal operations. They will participate in 20 interactive stations.

This year students will be given a Cut the Carbon bingo card and will have the challenge of looking for actions that City staff are doing to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. Stations will include asphalt recycling, the new residential Kitchen Scraps and Garbage Program, competitions to see how many kids can fit in a smart car, and opportunities to learn how energy and resources are saved with the underground camera truck, among others.

Students will be served lunch and the winners from last year’s t-shirt design contest will be announced at noon. City staff will be wearing t-shirts that feature the first place art work.

Media are invited to attend; however, the event is closed to the general public.

What: 13th Annual Public Works Day
When: Wednesday, May 23, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Where: Public Works Yard, 417 Garbally Road

Please park on the street and enter at the gates off Garbally Road. Note: Students who cannot be photographed will be identified.

This event takes place during National Public Works Week, May 20-26. This year the focus is to celebrate how public works professionals use sustainable solutions to bring their communities the highest possible quality of life within a framework of environmental, social, and economic responsibility.

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