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Re: **Alexandra District Energy Utility - 2014 Excellence Award from the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition**

On May 22, 2014, the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) announced the City's Alexandra District Energy Utility as a 2014 winner of their Excellence Awards. The CGC acts as the industry catalyst to unite private and public sector stakeholders, and to expand the market for geothermal heat pump technology in Canada. This prize is awarded to regional geothermal heat pump projects which showcase both complexity and quality of installation and design.

The 2014 prizes of excellence were awarded to The City of Richmond (British Columbia) for the Alexandra District Energy Utility and R+O Énergie (Québec) for the Polyvalente La Pocatière. Projects were evaluated based on originality, innovation, technological advancement, commitment to achieve comfort for occupants and users, as well as other proven community benefits. Complexity of the work considering the nature of the building, financial constraints and demonstrated energy and economic savings were also among the judging criteria. An independent jury of energy stakeholders managed the selection process.

Staff will present the award at a future Council meeting. A press release will also be issued highlighting this award and the recent 2014 Canadian National Energy Globe Award from Energy Globe based in Austria. This brings the total number of awards for ADEU to six, awarded from provincial, national and international organizations.


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