



City of
Richmond

Excellence in Policy Planning Award

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The City of Richmond's *Ecological Network Management Strategy* was awarded the Silver Award for Excellence in Policy Planning by the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC). This honor was awarded at the PIBC 2016 Annual Conference on Thursday, May 12 in Kelowna, BC.

PIBC annually recognizes the accomplishments of member municipalities through its award and recognition programs. The award category of Excellence in Policy Planning honours the development and application of leading-edge planning policy, including initiatives and solutions that enhance the social, economic, and environmental well-being of communities. Award applicants had to demonstrate leadership within the criteria of sustainability, innovation, transferability, public process, and contribution to the profession.

The Ecological Network Management Strategy, adopted by Council in September 2015, is Richmond's first city-wide environmental strategy that guides decision-making for Richmond's natural and semi-natural areas. The Strategy lays out an innovative and opportunistic blueprint to help the City better achieve the acquisition, protection, and enhancement of biodiversity and ecological systems. Projects to date implemented through the Strategy include the Bath Slough Revitalization Initiative and innovation in civic engagement. The award positions Richmond as a leader in ecological planning, with an approach that can be successfully applied in other communities.