



City of Richmond

Memorandum

Engineering and Public Works
District Energy

To: Mayor and Councillors **Date:** November 4, 2016

From: Alen Postolka, P.Eng.
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Re: **City of Richmond's District Energy Implementation receives UBCM Community Excellence Award**

At its 113th annual convention in Victoria, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities presented the Community Excellence Award - Best Practices, Excellence in Action to the City of Richmond for its City's District Energy Implementation program. The award recognizes communities that have demonstrated exemplary leadership through policies, decision-making or actions that have made a difference for their residents.

The Community Excellence Award showcases municipalities and regional districts who "lead the pack," take risks to innovate, establish new partnerships, question established ways of doing business and pioneer new customer service practices.

This award is different from others the City has received, as it recognizes not just the award winning Alexandra District Energy Utility system, but all of the City's district energy initiatives for advancing sustainable community energy systems:

- Incorporation of a wholly-owned corporation, Lulu Island Energy Company (LIEC), to manage district energy initiatives in the City;
- Implementation of the Oval Village District Energy Utility (OVDEU) system through novel partnership between the LIEC and a private utility;
- Securing "district energy ready" residential units;
- Completing a thermal energy load map to assess future district energy opportunities;
- Initiation of a process to select a partner to develop City Centre North District Energy Utility.

The City of Richmond has a long term vision of sustainable energy systems, and this award recognizes the City for leading the way with its District Energy Implementation program. Staff will present the award to Council on Monday, November 14, 2016 at the Open Council Meeting.

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