



Background

Community Energy Association (CEA) is a non-profit organization founded twenty years ago by Union of BC Municipalities and the Province of BC to assist local governments with energy planning and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. CEA's mission is to build capacity and accelerate sustainable actions collaboratively with local governments across BC.

As part of its activities CEA manages and administers annually the Climate and Energy Action Awards, which recognizes local governments' GHG and energy reduction achievements in various categories. In 2015, CEA recognized the City of Richmond with an Honourable Mention Award in Corporate Operations for the comprehensive equipment renewal project at Richmond Ice Centre.

Presenter

Ms. Patricia Bell, Head of Planning & Director of Education, will be presenting the Honourable Mention Award to Council.

Patricia is a community planner, with over twenty years of experience in regional, urban and environmental planning, with an emphasis on sustainable development. She has been working with the Community Energy Association since in 2008, preparing and delivering guides, workshops and policy recommendations on energy efficient buildings and renewable energy, finance and governance of green energy systems, and planning for electric vehicle implementation. Patricia manages the online Certificate in Community Energy Management program and the annual Climate & Energy Action Awards program.

Patricia received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Land Use and Environmental Studies from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master of Science in Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy from the University of Wales. She is a Registered Professional Planner (RPP MCIP) and a Certified Sustainability Professional.