

News Release

City of North Vancouver Receives Smart Energy Communities Award

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The City of North Vancouver has again been recognized for its leadership and innovation, this time with a **Smart Energy Communities Award** from QUEST (Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow), a non-profit organization that conducts research, engagement and advocacy to advance Smart Energy Communities in Canada.

The City took top honours in the Local Public Service Sector for its progressive and sustainable approach to the area-wide rezoning of the Moodyville neighbourhood. The rezoning provides a variety of new housing options and the creation of pedestrian-friendly streetscapes. The new zoning regulations also focus on utility upgrades, amenity contributions and high standards for energy efficiency. Redevelopment of the area will include approximately 1,500 new homes, a park, improved greenways and transit networks. As well, Lonsdale Energy Corp. (LEC) will extend its district energy system to the Moodyville neighbourhood, providing even more City residents with sustainable, thermal energy.

“Rezoning Moodyville has allowed for the transformation of an existing single-family neighbourhood into a model sustainable energy community that accommodates for much-needed, ground-oriented family housing along with great connectivity to greenways and a rapid transit network,” says City of North Vancouver Mayor Darrell Mussatto. “We are proud of what we’ve been able to achieve.”

This is the fourth award received by the City this month, and the third one in recognition of new design guidelines and zoning categories for the Moodyville neighbourhood. The City was recently recognized at the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention, receiving the **Climate and Energy Action Award** from the Community Energy Association and a **Community Excellence Award** from UBCM.

The **Smart Energy Communities Award** was announced this week at the Quest2016 event in Calgary, AB.

For a listing of City awards and achievements, visit www.cnv.org/AwardWinningCity

For more information about the City’s Moodyville neighbourhood initiative, visit www.cnv.org/Moodyville