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2004 Recycling Council of B.C. Award Winners Announced

The Recycling Council of B.C. announced the names of individuals and organizations presented with Environmental Awards at its 30th Annual Waste Reduction Conference in Whistler earlier this month.

This year's awards recognize contributions to environmental sustainability and waste reduction efforts throughout B.C.

Non-Profit Organization Recognition Award

This award was presented to two groups for their continued waste reduction efforts in their corners of B.C. The Nanaimo Recycling Exchange and Abbotsford Community Services shared the honours in this category. The Abbotsford program is a pioneer in its field and is respected throughout North America for its efforts and success in promoting environmental stewardship. Programs and services provided by the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange Society are designed to empower people to make the responsible positive changes in protecting and conserving the environment. Both of these award recipients embody the commitment that makes positive changes to our communities.

Personal Recognition Award

This award was presented to North Shore resident Jim Cairns for his long-standing commitment to environmental sustainability and waste reduction in B.C. Jim has worked diligently behind the scenes as a leader in pioneering innovative solutions to waste. He has shown by example the benefits of constructive dialogue and sound premises to provide solutions. Jim has helped our province become, as he puts it, a place where new EPR (extended producer responsibility) ideas and approaches are being tested out and proven effective.

Public Sector Recognition Award

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen was the recipient of this award for working steadily to improve waste reduction throughout the area including expanded curbside collection, garbage limits and convenient recycling. RCBC was pleased to acknowledge the positive impacts that these initiatives have had on waste minimization in this region.

Private Sector Recognition Award

Carney's Waste Systems was recognized for its ongoing commitment to the ideal of responsible environmental stewardship in the Sea-to-Sky Corridor by providing sustainable recycling solutions for both the public and the private sectors. Carney's Waste Systems have provided proven leadership in this industry.

Youth Recognition Award

This award, in recognition for outstanding commitment and action toward promoting environmental sustainability in B.C. and beyond, went to 16-year-old Gina Gallant of Prince George. Gina has worked to introduce a method to incorporate recycled plastics as a construction material in roadbeds. This environmental innovation is demonstrative of the bright future possible through the contributions of tomorrow's leaders here in B.C.

Educator Recognition Awards

In recognition of ongoing efforts to increase environmental awareness and understanding within the Fraser-Fort George area, an award was presented to the Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society (REAPS). The Board of Directors of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George noted that they were honoured to nominate REAPS in this category in recognition of the consistent demonstration of their ability to provide innovative reliable, accountable, and effective waste reduction public education and promotion services.

RCBC recognizes waste reduction and sustainability efforts in these categories every year. If you would like to nominate a group or individual in any of these categories for a future award please contact RCBC at 604 683 6009 or e-mail the council at rcbc@rcbc.bc.ca.

For questions about recycling methods or issues please call the RCBC Recycling Hotline Mon-Fri between 9 am and 4 pm at 604 732-9253 in Greater Vancouver or 1 800 667-4321 toll-free throughout B.C.

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