

Media Release

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HARTLAND LANDFILL WINS MULTIPLE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

Victoria, BC - Hartland landfill and recycling facility – the Capital Regional District's (CRD) state-of-the-art solid waste management facility – today received three major awards recognizing it as a North American leader. CRD representatives accepted two Community Excellence Awards from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) this morning at the 2005 UBCM convention in Vancouver. This afternoon, they accepted the Silver Landfill Management Excellence Award from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) at the 2005 Wastecon conference in Austin, Texas.

UBCM Awards

UBCM honoured Hartland with a *Best Practices Award* for its Household Hazardous Waste Program and with a *Leadership and Innovation Award* for its Gas Utilization Facility. This is the first time UBCM has granted two awards to an applicant in a single year. Hartland's household hazardous waste facility ensures safe disposal of all hazardous products. It is the only one of its kind in British Columbia. The innovative gas utilization facility converts waste-produced methane to green electricity and generates enough power to meet the needs of 1,600 region homes.

In Vancouver to accept the UBCM awards, Karen Watson, CRD Board Vice Chair, called the awards "great news for the CRD and the environment. The CRD is proud to be recognized as a leader in the field of solid waste management. We will continue to develop initiatives that provide innovative and effective alternatives for the region's solid waste."

SWANA Award

SWANA honoured Hartland with a 2005 Excellence Award, acknowledging the landfill facility as a world-leader in socially, environmentally and economically sound waste management. Criteria for the international award included environmental compliance, program efficiency, effectiveness, safety and innovation. The award was announced in July 2005 and officially presented at SWANA's annual conference today.

In Austin to accept the SWANA award, Marie Brotherston, Chair of the CRD Solid Waste advisory committee, described Hartland as "much more than a landfill. The award confirms that the CRD has created a multi-purpose facility of international acclaim that offers an exceptional array of waste diversion programs in addition to safe waste disposal."

About Hartland Landfill

Owned and operated by the CRD, Hartland landfill and recycling facility is the only solid waste facility in the Capital Region. The facility provides a number of services to the 340,000 people it serves, including waste disposal, recycling, household hazardous waste collection, salvage facility, yard and garden materials collection and processing. Hartland operates without tax subsidies and is financially self-sustaining. All projects – valued at over \$30 million since 1985 – are funded with revenue generated from tipping fees. For more information, visit www.crd.bc.ca.

About UBCM

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities was formed to provide a common voice for local governments. It has served and represented the interests of governments in BC since 1905. The UBCM Awards showcase municipalities and regional districts which practise leadership and innovation. For more information, visit www.civicnet.bc.ca.

About SWANA

The Solid Waste Association of North America is the world's largest solid waste organization, serving over 7,000 members. It has been the leading professional association in its field for over 40 years. SWANA presents Excellence Awards in 13 categories annually. For more information, visit www.swana.org.

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