

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **City Wins BC Safety Awards**

#### Certificate of Achievement (COR):

On Monday May 16, 2011 Cathy Cook, Executive Director of the BC Municipal Safety Association, presented Mayor and Council with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of WorksafeBC.

The City of Nanaimo achieved the COR certification which represents the highest standard of achievement for a municipal safety program and safety management system in the Province of BC.

Sponsored by WorksafeBC and the BC Municipal Safety Association, this award is recognition for an organization that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the safety of its workers. This achievement is the culmination of a long process of dedication, innovation and commitment of City staff. Achieving certification requires systematic and detailed approaches to meet the requirements of the audit conducted to verify certification. All 600 plus City staff from front line workers to the City Manager worked together as a team to achieve a 93% score in the citywide safety audit conducted in March 2011.

#### City of Excellence award:

On Monday May 16, 2011 Dr. Dave Baspaly, Executive Director of the BC Common Ground Alliance and Cathy Cook, Executive Director of the BC Municipal Safety Association, presented Mayor and Council with the City of Excellence Award for 2010.

Created by the BCMSA and the BC Common Ground Alliance, with funding from WorksafeBC and the BC Safety Authority, this award is intended to recognize local governments for activities that improve ground disturbance, safe excavation techniques and best practice at or around underground infrastructure.

The award is not only a reflection of a safe record for work done in excavations and ground disturbances, but also of an innovative and committed organizational safety program and organizational commitment to the ongoing development of safety practices for its workers. The City of Nanaimo won this award as the best local government in BC for 2010 for these safety practices and programs. This required outstanding commitment and dedication of a large number of City staff and they should be commended for this achievement.

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