

MEDIA RELEASE

City of Surrey Wins National Municipal Environment Award

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Fredericton, NB (May 30, 2018) – Surrey, BC has received national recognition for the **Surrey Biofuel Facility** from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA). Surrey was presented with the 2018 CAMA Willis Award for Innovation, in the over 100,000 population category, during CAMA's national conference in Fredericton, NB.

"CAMA is pleased to recognize the municipal excellence demonstrated by Surrey for their biofuel facility," said Janice Baker, president of CAMA and City Manager for Mississauga, ON. "And the fact that this is the first fully integrated closed-loop organic waste management system in North America."

The facility will divert more than 115,000 tonnes of residential and commercial organic waste from the landfill, producing approximately 120,000 gigajoules of renewable natural gas (RNG) and approximately 45,000 tonnes of nutrient-rich compost annually. This energy will be enough to fuel the city's entire natural gas powered waste collection and service vehicles, as well as provide a renewable fuel source for Surrey's district energy system.

The largest of its kind in Canada, the Biofuel Facility will be instrumental in reducing community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by approximately 49,000 tonnes per year, which is the equivalent of taking 10,000 cars off the road annually. This GHG reduction will completely eliminate the City of Surrey's corporate carbon footprint of 17,000 tonnes per year. Further, it will also help the Metro Vancouver region achieve its regional waste diversion goal of 80% by 2020.

The facility is part of Surrey's Rethink Waste program. The first phase involved the introduction of an organic waste diversion program. The second phase was to develop the Biofuel Facility. The City-owned facility is a flagship Public-Private Partnership (P3), with the Government of Canada contributing up to 25% (to a maximum of \$16.9 million) of the capital cost of the facility and the remaining funded by its private sector partner. The Biofuel Facility project is now one of P3 Canada's flagship projects.

In 2015, the City selected Orgaworld Canada, part of Renewi plc, to design, build, operate and maintain the facility for a 25 year period. Construction commenced in the spring of 2015 and operations began in 2017.

"CAMA received a total of 32 award submissions for this year's awards program," said Jack Benzaquen, Chair of CAMA's Awards Committee, CAMA Representative for Quebec, and City Manager of the City of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC. "We were impressed by the quality of entries and the projects being carried out by our members. Congratulations to the winners and all those who took the time to enter a submission."

CAMA's Environment Award recognizes the commitment of a municipality to environmentally sustainable governance, to protecting the environment and to combating climate change. Awards are granted to programs, projects or services that have made a significant and positive impact on the environment. Since Canada has a unique mixture of small and large communities, awards are granted according to population – for municipalities under 20,000, for those between 20,001 and 100,000 and for those over 100,000.



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