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METRO VANCOUVER RECEIVES CANADA'S 2018 CLEAN50 AND CLEAN16 AWARDS

Metro Vancouver has received Canada's 2018 Clean50 and Clean16 awards for demonstrated leadership in sustainability excellence through its development and support of Canada's National Zero Waste Council.

"Canada's Clean50 Awards are announced annually by Delta Management Group and the Clean50 organizations to recognize those 50 individuals or small teams, from 16 different categories, who have done the most to advance the cause of sustainability and clean capitalism in Canada over the past two years," said Gavin Pitchford, CEO, Delta management Group.

In addition to the [Clean50 Awards](#), the category leader is also bestowed with the Clean16 award. Recipients of the team awards for Metro Vancouver include Greg Moore, Metro Vancouver Board Chair, Director Malcolm Brodie, Chair of the National Zero Waste Council and Heather Schoemaker, General Manager, Metro Vancouver's External Relations Department and Director, National Zero Waste Council Secretariat.

"We are honoured to be recognized as the national leader in the 'Cities' category by Delta Management Group for our contribution in making cities and regions more liveable and sustainable," said Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver. "We look forward to participating in the Clean50 Summit later this month with other sustainability leaders from all sectors of Canadian life in working groups designed to foster cross sectoral learning, collaboration and engagement.

Founded in 2013 by Metro Vancouver, in collaboration with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the National Zero Waste Council is a cross-sector waste prevention initiative introducing the concept of the circular economy to Canada, which has grown to 100 plus members including 6 of the nation's largest metropolitan regions, businesses large and small, community and academic partners.

"Canadians are blessed with so much – which might explain why we have one of the highest per-capita waste rates in the world – an issue and opportunity for Canadian governments, businesses and citizens," said Heather Schoemaker, Director, National Zero Waste Council Secretariat.

The Council looks at solutions to prevent, rather than manage, waste with member-led working groups and strategic initiatives related to: Food Waste, Product Design and Packaging, Circular Economy and Construction, Renovation and Demolition.

“These awards validate our innovative cross-sector, collaboration approach which calls for a shift away from ‘managing waste’ as part of the traditional linear ‘take-make-dispose’ model of production and consumption to preventing waste in a circular economy – where materials and products continuously circulate at their highest utility and value,” says Director Malcolm Brodie, Chair, National Zero Waste Council. “The circular economy offers a systems approach to protecting the environment and eliminating waste while creating economic opportunity – offering a tremendous innovation opportunity for Canada,” added Brodie.

About Metro Vancouver Regional District

Metro Vancouver is a federation of 21 municipalities, one Electoral Area and one Treaty First Nation that collaboratively plans for and delivers regional-scale services. Its core services are drinking water, wastewater treatment and solid waste management. Metro Vancouver also regulates air quality, plans for urban growth, manages a regional parks system and provides affordable housing. The regional district is governed by a Board of Directors of elected officials from each local authority.

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About Delta Management Group / Canada’s Clean50

Leading sustainability and clean tech search firm Delta Management Group in 2011 founded, and remains the steward of the Canada’s Clean50 awards, created to annually identify, recognize and connect 50 sustainability leaders from every sector of Canadian endeavor, in order to facilitate understanding, collaboration and innovation in the fight to keep climate change impacts below 1.5 degrees. Ancillary awards also recognize 10 Emerging Leaders and the Top 20 Sustainability Projects of the year.

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