

City Wins Award for 2012 Public Works Week Open House

PARKSVILLE, BC: The City of Parksville is the winner of the 2012 Canadian Public Works Association National Public Works Week award for "First Time Entry". This award recognizes staff's efforts in hosting the public open house held on May 24 in the Community Park. The 2012 event was the second event for the City and the first time we had submitted for consideration in the National Public Works Week competition.

The annual Canadian Public Works Association luncheon held at the American Public Works Association Congress in Anaheim, California was the venue for the announcement of the National Public Works Week awards program. Parksville was the winning first time entry, chosen over the Municipality of Saint-Faustin-La-Carre, Quebec and the Town of High River, Alberta. The award will be presented to the City by a Canadian Public Works Association during a Council meeting in the near future.

"The Public Works Open House in May was a great outreach for the City. Staff's decision to host the event in the Community Park in 2012 made the activities and displays accessible to residents of all ages. The event recognized the essential role of Public Works staff in our community's quality of life and the daily operations that make our City a better place to live," said Mayor Chris Burger.

"Our public works staff are responsible for many vital City systems and services on a 24/7 basis; services vital to our community's health, safety and comfort," said City of Parksville Mayor Chris Burger. "Public Works Week gives us the opportunity to thank our crews and recognize that year after year, public works play an essential role in our community's quality of life and in the daily operations that make our City a better place to live."

Cities throughout Canada participate in this program which fosters a friendly competition among municipalities and regions to celebrate both the profession and services of public works during National Public Works Week. <http://apwa.net/>

Photos of the 2012 and 2011 Public Works Open House may be viewed on the City's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cityparksville?ref=hl#!/cityparksville/photos>

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