



District in hot water, in a good way

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The District of North Vancouver is in the best kind of hot water.

The district received the SolarBC award for Solar Community of the Year at a ceremony on the T'Sou-ke First Nation reserve in Sooke on March 30. North Vancouver District Mayor Richard Walton and district energy manager Dominica Babicki accepted the award.

"Promoting the use of solar energy is one of many important ways of reducing our carbon footprint," said Walton, "and it demonstrates the district's leadership and commitment to be among the most sustainable communities in the world."

North Vancouver was honoured for encouraging the use of solar hot water at community and corporate levels.

The district adopted a policy to encourage installation of solar hot water systems and solar panels, waiving mechanical permit fees for solar hot water installations. It has installed solar hot water systems in five municipal buildings: Northlands Golf Course, Parkgate Community Centre and three fire halls.

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