

**News Release** 

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## City employees win WorkSafeBC photo contest

A keen eye for safety has won City employees provincial recognition.

Facilities service workers from the City's recreation department submitted a winning entry when they named 23 hazards in the WorkSafeBC January/February *What's Wrong with this Photo?* contest published in WorkSafe Magazine.

"Consistent attention to safety benefits both City employees and members of the public," says Ross Milnthorp, the City's general manager of parks, recreation and culture. "The City's facility services workers set the scene and the tone for workplace and public safety in all our facilities, a benefit for people participating in recreation programs or using the space for other events or activities."

"The WorkSafe photo contest provided a perfect opportunity to review hazards associated with our work, and our attention to safety was evident in the number of hazards the facility service worker team spotted in the contest," says Karen Langford, the City's facility services supervisor.

Langford says her team maintains a steady focus on safe work procedures, and continues to improve, through examining options to reduce the use of chemicals for cleaning, ergonomic equipment, safe work methods and training opportunities.

"Our service standards are based on ensuring we always approach each task to meet or exceed community standards for cleanliness, safety and aesthetics," she says.

The online edition of the March/April magazine is now posted, and paper copies were in the mail this week. See the summary of hazards and the photo of the winning team here: <a href="http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe">http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe</a> magazine/Assets/PDF/current/W <a href="http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe">http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe</a> magazine/Assets/PDF/current/W <a href="http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe">http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe</a> magazine/Assets/PDF/current/W <a href="http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe">http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe</a> magazine/Assets/PDF/current/W <a href="http://worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe">http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe</a> magazine/Assets/PDF/current/W

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Photo caption: The City's facility service worker team won the WorkSafeBC January/February "What's wrong with this photo?" contest. In this photo (left to right) are team members Cindy Hildebrand, Darren Scott, Karen Langford (supervisor) and Marie Gubbels. Missing from the photo are Jim Manarey, Sandra Marple and Rick Zirk.

