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Call for Nominations for City of Campbell River Stewardship Awards

The City of Campbell River will again honour local environmental stewards with awards recognizing their service to community stewardship and to the environment. As in the past seven years, the City is calling for nominations of individuals, groups and businesses due recognition for work done in watershed protection, water conservation, habitat restoration and protection, waste reduction and energy conservation.

Nominations will be accepted until **September 11** in the following categories:

- Special Recognition:** For a group, company or individual with a strong record of service to community environmental stewardship
- Individual:** For a person who should be appreciated for action on community stewardship
- Group:** Recognition for group efforts in conservation endeavors or for protecting or restoring our natural spaces
- Youth Individual:** Awarded to a young person who has shown personal initiative in working in conservation, habitat protection or restoration projects
- Youth Group:** Special recognition for youth (under 21 years) who have shown initiative in conservation and stewardship
- Business & Industry:** Recognizing leadership in environmental stewardship from the development community, business and industry
- Water Conservation:** Recognition of exceptional and/or innovative practices that demonstrate efficient use of water resources

The awards will be presented on River's Day, Sunday, September 27, at 1:00 p.m. as part of this year's Haig-Brown Festival.

"The Stewardship Awards program is a great opportunity for the community to recognize the efforts of others to conserve and restore our natural resources. It's also a chance for us to formally extend our thanks for the enjoyment of parks, greenways and the fabulous natural scenery around Campbell River to the many people who make caring for the outdoors a priority in life," says Councillor Roy Grant. *"Living Green is one of our top Council priorities, and we are very interested to hear about individuals and groups working in traditional stewardship roles, as well as those who may be working hard to reduce their green house gas emissions, those practicing pesticide-free gardening and environmental educators and mentors leading the next generation."*

The combined efforts of Campbell River residents and businesses are noticed by many people, including the Communities in Bloom judges who recently toured Campbell River, says Councillor Grant, adding: *"On behalf of the City, Council is looking forward to recognizing the contribution of all the stewardship nominees for their dedicated efforts that help maintain the quality of life that makes Campbell River such a special place to live."*

Criteria and submission requirements can be obtained by contacting Terri Martin, Environmental Coordinator, City of Campbell River, or by checking the *What's New* link on the City of Campbell River website at www.campbellriver.ca. Come out and enjoy the Campbell River's natural beauty as we celebrate River's Day at Haig-Brown House, 2250 Campbell River Road on Sunday, September 27th, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

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