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## 12<sup>th</sup> annual Stewardship Awards – Call for 2013 nominations

Know anyone making a green difference?

It's time to celebrate outstanding environmental action with the City of Campbell River's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Stewardship Awards.

Nominate individuals, groups, developers, businesses, industry representatives and youth for their contributions to the common cause of environmental achievement by September 13, 2013.

This year's award categories include:

- Air Quality / Alternative Transportation (is there a green commuter near you?)
- Pesticide Free / Urban Agriculture (who's gone organic or minimized pesticide use?)
- Water / Energy Conservation (who's making the most of our precious resources?)
- Habitat Protection / Creation (rebuilding, restoring and stewarding community habitat)
- Waste Reduction (who's a role model when it comes to reducing waste?)
- Youth Special Recognition (keeping the stewardship tradition alive and thriving)
- Environmental Excellence (this category is for outstanding achievement!)

"We have an impressive array of citizens that volunteer their time and energy, from stream stewards to broom busters and more, to improve community spaces," says Mayor Walter Jakeway. "It's important to recognize the people who have a vision, a passion and then make the effort to care for the outdoors."

"It is a real honor to recognize the efforts of the people who promote the quality of life that makes Campbell River such a spectacular place to live," adds Councillor Larry Samson, one of the judges for the stewardship awards program. "Every year I'm amazed by the extensive variety of the contributions at home, at play or as part of business practices."

To nominate an awards candidate, download an application form from the *"What's New"* section of the City's website (<u>www.campbellriver.ca</u>). Paper copies are available at City Hall.

For more information on these awards, please contact the Sustainability Department by phoning or emailing Amber Zirnhelt at 250-286-5742 or <u>amber.zirnhelt@campbellriver.ca</u>.

Awards will be presented during the annual Haig-Brown Festival on World Rivers Day (noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, September 29 at 2250 Campbell River Road). The festival is a celebration of environmental and social causes championed by the Haig-Brown family, including conservation, fly-fishing, arts and literature and social justice. All of these activities will be accompanied by fresh food and live music.

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