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City of Campbell River finalist for Open for Business Award for TechHatchery initiative

Once again, the City of Campbell River is a finalist for Small Business BC's Open for Business Award in the large community category (25,000 or more residents).

The City was nominated for TechHatchery – a program promoting the growth of technology-based companies in education and training, and provide access to funding opportunities, in Campbell River.

“TechHatchery is an incubator that brings people and businesses together to expand our already-growing tech ecosystem,” says Rose Klukas, the City's economic development officer. *“The success of several initiatives in 2019, such as the NexStream Tech Competition, the City's first Hackathon and the continued demand for the Modern Entrepreneur workshops provided the momentum to establish TechHatchery*

More information can be found at <https://www.techhatchery.ca/>.

“Small Business BC recognizes communities that create a welcoming and friendly environment for small businesses and TechHatchery is a perfect solution for start-ups that see the many benefits of establishing a business outside larger urban environments,” adds Mayor Andy Adams.

TechHatchery is supported by the Campbell River Area Angel Group (CRAAG), a technology advisory team that fosters the growth of innovative companies in Campbell River. Find information about CRAAG at www.craag.ca.

Campbell River is one of three finalists, alongside the City of Coquitlam and the District of Saanich.

The City previously won the Open for Business Award in 2018 for its work on the Modern Entrepreneur Series.

The 2020 winners will be announced Feb. 21 at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

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