



## Press Release

### **CITY OF LANGLEY RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING AWARD FOR DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN**

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The City of Langley is pleased to announce that the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) awarded the prestigious “Excellence in Planning Award” to the City at its PIBC Annual Conference in Sun Peaks, B.C. on Thursday, June 3, 2010. The award recognizes community excellence and innovation in the category of “comprehensive plans and policy” in land use planning.

Mayor Peter Fassbender stated that “Council could not be more thrilled than to receive this honour from the PIBC. Our Downtown Master Plan and complementary marketing initiatives push the envelope of land use, planning and economic development in process and content. The Plan takes the planning process two steps further by truly integrating the normally isolated policy planning with urban design and land economics. In addition, the Plan does not sit on the shelf waiting for interested developers to call. The City actively seeks to engage developers through information sessions and other direct, in person contact.”

This proactive approach combined with a plan that includes both a vision for the future, comprehensive decision-making economic analysis, and policy that supports development activity has made the City of Langley... the place to be for developers.

Director of Development Services & Economic Development, Gerald Minchuk, stated upon accepting the award on behalf of the City of Langley, “We are very proud to receive this prestigious award from PIBC in recognition of our Downtown Master Plan. The Plan was developed in three phases over a two year period from 2007 to 2009 by the City of Langley and its consultant team led by Michael von Hausen, President of MVH Urban Planning & Design Inc. The objective was to produce a plan that would not only guide the future redevelopment of Downtown Langley but would serve as a catalyst for generating new investment and creating additional vitality.”

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