



# Corporate Report

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TO: Mayor & Council                      DATE: September 3,  
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FROM: General Manager,  
Planning & Development              FILE: 0290-01

SUBJECT: Surrey Receives UBCM 2003 Excellence Award for  
Planning Innovation

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council receive this report as information.

## BACKGROUND

The Local Government Excellence Awards for Innovation is a new program of awards being presented by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). These awards are being presented for the first time in 2003. The Excellence Awards are for local governments in British Columbia that have developed a new program, project, service or approach in providing good government that has incorporated a new idea, method or device in providing services to the community.

Upon becoming aware of these awards, City staff submitted an application to the UBCM in relation to the work that the Planning and Development Department and the Engineering Department have carried out on the East Clayton Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP). Approved by Council in March 2003, this NCP establishes the first "on the ground" sustainable development project in British Columbia. The project entailed an integrated multi-stakeholder planning process to incorporate sustainable development principles into a plan for a new community covering an area of approximately 600 acres.

## DISCUSSION

The Excellence Awards Judging Committee has selected Surrey's application as one of the Award of Merit recipients in the Innovation Category. A copy of the letter dated July 30, 2003 from the President of UBCM is attached as Appendix I. The Award will be presented to the City of Surrey at a formal awards presentation at this year's UBCM Convention in Vancouver.

Surrey's selection for this award demonstrates that the City is a leader in British Columbia in the development of sustainable community plans and development standards. Over the past number of years, the City of Surrey has received international acclaim for its leadership role in sustainable development with particular reference to the East Clayton project. As a new model for land development, the project has been the subject of many media accounts, case studies and industry and scholarly attention.

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Appendix I – Letter dated July 30, 2003 from the UBCM

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