



# CITY OF QUESNEL NEWS RELEASE

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City urges residents to become Power Smart**

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**QUESNEL, B.C.** – With just less than two weeks until the December 15 deadline, the City of Quesnel is urging its residents to take part in BC Hydro's Power Smart initiative.

Not only can residents be more environmentally responsible, they have a chance to help the City win a \$20,000 retrofit of a civic facility. Visit [www.bchydro.com](http://www.bchydro.com) (or click the link off the City's website at [www.city.quesnel.bc.ca](http://www.city.quesnel.bc.ca)) and click where it reads "Learn more" under "Set a reduction target." All that's needed is an e-mail address and your hydro account information.

"By thinking green, we can make a difference for our children and grandchildren," said Environmental Advisory Committee Chair Coun. Coralee Oakes. "We can also raise a little green, not only for our own pockets through the energy savings we'll enjoy, but through the possibility of having an energy retrofit performed on one of our buildings. I encourage everyone to visit the website before December 15 and sign up."

The City is currently involved with a number of green initiatives, including composting at the municipal landfill, continued support of our outstanding transit services and expansion of the walking and bicycle path network.

"Every step we take towards a greener environment is a positive step," said Mayor Nate Bello. "I'm sure our residents are up to the challenge."

The choices home and business owners make can have a significant impact on their electricity bills. For example:

- Save up to 2% by using compact fluorescent bulbs in your five main lights.
- Save up to 7% by turning down the thermostat by 1 degree if your heating is electric.

So far, 68 cities, towns and villages served by BC Hydro have registered. The registered community that signs up the highest percentage of BC Hydro account holders by Dec. 15, 2007 in each of the three categories - small, medium and large towns - will be eligible to win a \$20,000 Power Smart makeover for one of its civic facilities.

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