



CITY OF QUESNEL NEWS RELEASE

Province's first Climate Action Boot Camp hosted by City

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QUESNEL, B.C. – Sustainability, climate change and community engagement are all being discussed as the City of Quesnel hosts the province's first Climate Action Boot Camp. The Boot Camp includes topics such as climate commitments, greenhouse gas emissions and community engagement and is presented by the Community Energy Association and BC Healthy Communities.

The two-day workshop, which runs today and tomorrow in Council Chambers at City Hall, is designed in part to help prospective members of the Quesnel Sustainability Task Force come to grips with the challenges and opportunities related to sustainability planning and, more specifically, climate action. The task force, which will be formed in the next two weeks, will provide guidance to City Council regarding how to make Quesnel more sustainable over the long term.

"Sustainability has become a popular buzz word over the past couple of years; but now, it is more than that. It is becoming a way of living, thinking, governing and doing business," said Mayor Mary Sjostrom. "Here at the City we've embraced sustainability and are ready to incorporate it in all facets of our organization. To host the province's first boot camp shows how serious we are. I'm looking forward to forming our Task Force and getting to work."

"There will be many opportunities for community engagement and involvement," added Coun. Mike Cave, the City's Environmental Advisory Committee Chair. "Sustainability must be driven and endorsed by the masses to succeed. I'm eager to see as many people involved in this process as possible."

The Community Energy Association supports local governments throughout British Columbia in accelerating the application of energy efficiency and renewable energy in all aspects of community design, infrastructure and community engagement for sustainability.

BC Healthy Communities is a province-wide organization committed to the ongoing development of healthy, thriving and resilient communities. It supports communities in identifying and developing the processes, assets and skills needed to explore and act on the root causes of the issues they face.

For more information about the City of Quesnel's Sustainability initiatives, visit www.city.quesnel.bc.ca/Planning/sustainability

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