

News Release

City of Yorkton Wins National Municipal Award for Innovation

Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Recognizes Logan Green Water Management System

Victoria, BC (May 29, 2013) – The City of Yorkton, SK, has received national recognition for the **Logan Green Water Management System** from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA). Yorkton was presented with the 2013 Willis Award for Innovation, in the less than 20,000 population category, during CAMA's national conference in Victoria, BC. Ravenhill Group Inc. is the presenting sponsor for CAMA's Awards of Excellence.

"CAMA is pleased to recognize the innovation and administrative excellence demonstrated by the City of Yorkton in developing one of the greenest water treatment plants in Canada," said Ron Shaw, president of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Stratford, ON. "It provides improved water quality, substantial green space and new sport fields, while responding to the demands of a growing community."

The Water Treatment Plant incorporates the latest technology, plus innovative, green ways to handle backwash water from regular flushing of the filter system. Instead of backwash water being flushed into the sewage system for treatment, it moves through a series of settling ponds and natural wetlands to purify it, before gradually recharging the natural aquifer.

The plant is currently producing 1,100 cubic meters (1.1 million litres) of backwash water a day, with a maximum capacity 22,000 cubic meters (22 million litres) of water per day. By using this process, some \$3 million was saved on infrastructure costs and Yorkton expects to save \$6.3 million in treatment costs over the life of the plant.

When completed, the site will also include substantial green space for public enjoyment and six new multi-purpose sports fields. This new facility cost \$33 million to construct and involved widespread stakeholder and community consultation and cooperation in planning and financing. Funding came from the Government of Canada, Province of Saskatchewan and City of Yorkton.

"The quality of award submissions from municipalities across the country continues to impress us," said Keith Arns, Chair of CAMA's Awards Committee, CAMA Representative for Newfoundland and Labrador, and Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Conception Bay South, NL. "We had 52 entries this year, so picking just eight winners was a challenge. Congratulations to all the entrants."

The Willis Award for Innovation, awarded in recognition of Jack Willis for his contribution to CAMA, is presented for programs, projects or services that demonstrate exceptional innovation or meritorious initiative. Because Canada has a unique mixture of small and large communities, awards are granted according to population – for municipalities under 20,000, for those between 20,001 and 100,000 and for those over 100,000. Certificates of Merit may also be awarded.

About CAMA:

A Canada-wide network and the national voice of senior municipal administrators, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) strives to nurture and build municipal administrative excellence by providing its more than 500 members with knowledge sharing and learning opportunities, access to best practices, and valued input into policies and programs aimed at ensuring healthy and thriving communities across Canada. www.camacam.ca

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