

news release

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The City of North Vancouver has adopted the **LEED** building rating system as part of its ongoing sustainability program to reduce environmental impact, save energy and reduce operational costs as well as provide long term benefits for the community.

The LEED building rating system, or 'Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design', is a series of environmentally sustainable construction guidelines that result in the creation of sustainable, high performance buildings. Under this rating system, a project or building earns a series of credits for various building features that lead to sustainable building performance. In turn, a building or project then receives a Certified, Silver, Gold or Platinum LEED accreditation.

"This impressive initiative is an ideal opportunity for the City of North Vancouver to meet its ongoing commitment to environmental and financial sustainability through proactive measures," says Mayor Darrell Mussatto.

The City of North Vancouver plans to achieve LEED Gold accreditation as its preferred standard for all newly constructed civic buildings greater than 900 square metres (10,000 sq. ft.), and LEED Silver accreditation as the minimum acceptable building standard.

To honour its commitment to this new initiative, the City will build the new 35,000 square foot Library and Civic Centre in accordance with the LEED building rating standards. The estimated cost to achieve LEED Silver is approximately 1% of the total cost of construction while the cost to achieve LEED Gold is between 2.5 % and 3% of the total cost.

Current studies indicate that a typical additional capital investment of 2% in construction costs to incorporate LEED features will result in overall lifecycle cost savings of approximately ten times the initial capital investment, through the reduction of energy expenditures and overall maintenance savings, as well as potential employee productivity improvements. For more information about all of the City's environmental projects and initiatives, visit <http://www.cnv.org/environment>

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