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CITY OF TAYLOR WINS BCRPA FACILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Community Services Hub in Taylor honoured with 2018 Facility Excellence Award

Vancouver, BC (May 2, 2018) - The BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) today presented its Facility Excellence Award for projects under \$1 million to the Community Services Hub in Taylor. The award recognizes outstanding innovation in facility concept, design development, maintenance or operation in a facility.

The Community Services Hub was built with inclusivity in mind, with full wheelchair access, including wheelchair accessible doors, counter, conference table, and washroom implements. It also hosts the monthly meetings of the Taylor Access and Inclusion Committee, whose aim is to improve accessibility and inclusivity for the community.

By housing the Community Services department in the same building as the Taylor Community Hall, which hosts the majority of community events and activities, the Community Services Hub has offered an innovative solution and workspace for the department that has improved resource management. The enhanced workspace allows the Community Services department room for creativity and innovation to work closely with the community and deliver a higher level of service to all stakeholders.

The Community Services Hub provides a clear point-of-contact to community groups and organizations that allows for the creation and building of important relationships to move the community forward together.

“It is our pleasure to present Taylor with this Facility Excellence Award for the *Community Services Hub*. This project clearly reflects outstanding innovation and a transformative use of space that not only enhances community access, but interconnection and inclusion of all Taylor’s citizens,” said Rebecca Tunnacliffe, CEO of the BC Recreation and Parks Association.

The Facility Excellence Award is one of five provincial awards presented at the BCRPA’s annual Symposium today in Vancouver. The conference brings together members of the recreation and parks sector from across BC, including elected officials, volunteers, members of the business community and others interested in building and sustaining active, healthy lifestyles and communities in BC.

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BACKGROUND

The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) is a not for profit organization dedicated to enhancing quality of life in our province. The Association and its extensive network of members, in the parks, recreation, physical activity and culture sector support the development of healthy individuals and communities and sustainable environments and economies.

Since 1958, the BCRPA has provided leadership, training and support, fostering the principles of accessibility and inclusiveness, to help its members meet provincial and local health and physical activity priorities. www.bcrpa.bc.ca