



News Release

City of North Battleford Wins National Municipal Environment Award

Jasper, AB (June 3, 2015) – The City of North Battleford, SK is getting national recognition for its **Biosolids Management Program** from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA). The City was presented with the 2015 CAMA Environment Award, in the under 20,000 population category, during the association’s national conference in Jasper, AB. Ravenhill Group Inc. is the sponsor for the awards.

“CAMA is pleased to recognize the administrative excellence demonstrated by the City of North Battleford for its efforts to convert biosolids into a commercially usable fertilizer,” said Robert Hughes, president of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and Chief Administrative Officer for Stratford, PE. “North Battleford is a leader in Western Canada when it comes to using this new system.”

The City of North Battleford implemented a new Biosolids Management Program in 2014. It incorporates technology developed by Ontario-based Lystek International Inc., which converts biosolids into a commercial, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) registered fertilizer. The City of North Battleford is the first municipality in Western Canada to adopt this new system.

The city began looking for another way to dispose of its biosolids in November 2007 and began to identify and study possible biosolids stabilizations processes. A request for proposals was then issued in January 2014.

After evaluating the submitted proposals, the Lystek system was chosen because it was affordable, compact enough to easily be retrofitted into the existing plant, and did not require additional staff to be hired or special skills to operate. A covered lagoon is used to store the liquid fertilizer. There is also a revenue-sharing agreement with the city.

An agreement to initiate the project was executed in February 2014 and Lystek Systems started operating in December 2014 on budget and ahead of schedule.

“With 57 applications received, this is the largest year ever for the CAMA awards program,” said Jake Rudolph, Chair of CAMA’s Awards Committee, as well as CAMA Representative, British Columbia & Yukon and Deputy City Manager, City of Abbotsford, BC. “Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those who took the time and effort to enter a submission.”

CAMA’s Environment Award recognizes the commitment of a municipality to environmentally sustainable governance, to protecting the environment and to combating climate change. Awards are granted to programs, projects or services that have made a significant and positive impact on the environment. Since 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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