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PARTNERSHIP SAVES ENERGY AND MONEY

A partnership between the Township of Langley and FortisBC is not only saving on energy consumption – it's saving money.

A cheque for \$149,500 in rebates and incentives was presented to the Township by FortisBC on March 5 in recognition of the energy efficient initiatives the municipality is undertaking.

The Township is participating in FortisBC's Efficient Boiler Program and its Commercial Custom Design – Retrofit Projects Program. The initiatives provide funding to identify and implement efficient natural gas upgrades for buildings and facilities and encourage energy conservation measures.

Over the past four years, the Township has been working in partnership with FortisBC and acting on its recommendations to install more energy-efficient equipment in community and recreation centres.

More than \$450,000 has come back to the Township through the partnership, and more money will be saved in the future, as the new equipment reduces operating costs.

"This is a partnership that has multiple benefits," said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. "Working with FortisBC is helping us be good environmental stewards by ensuring our equipment is as energy efficient as possible, plus the cost savings are significant."

The W.C. Blair Recreation Centre was one of the facilities updated through this project. It now has a more energy-efficient heating system using a heat recovery system. This project alone is expected to reduce natural gas use in the facility by 17 per cent and greenhouse gas emissions by 15 per cent.

“We appreciate this close partnership with the Township of Langley,” said Siraz Dalmir, Municipal Key Account Manager for FortisBC. “It’s through close collaboration that we’re able to find more efficient and innovative ways to use energy, which support the community’s social, economic, and environmental goals.”

With its plan to increase spending on rebates and incentives, FortisBC anticipates working closely on even more municipal and community-based energy projects in the months and years ahead.

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