

City's GIS function earns recognition

(Penticton BC – June 19, 2018) – Work carried out by the Project Team responsible for the implementation of the road Geographic Information System (GIS) was recently selected by Esri Canada as the recipient of a 2018 Award of Excellence for managing local road networks effectively with GIS.

“The award was an acknowledgement of the work we’ve done to simplify our process”, said IT Manager, Dave Polvere. “We can now access and visualize our data in a single format that can easily be shared across the organization.”

The recognition aligns with a variety of changes being made to the City’s GIS function and the value it provides residents everyday. Key among those changes is the recently completed Geospatial Strategic Plan. Initiated in 2017 and completed later that year, the plan developed a five-year approach encompassing resourcing, governance, training, education, infrastructure, software and public access.

“There is a clear need to ensure staff and other users of geospatial tools and data are trained, educated and supported. This strategy identifies approaches that will ultimately help the City grow and better utilize this technology”.

Members of the public wishing to review the strategy and learn how GIS supports the City can do so via the following video and website:

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JySCL9ulTeE>

Website: <http://www.penticton.ca/EN/main/departments/information-technology/gis.html>

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