

City of Richmond

# CLIMATE ACTION

e-Newsletter



## Business Recycling Resources Program

### Get involved

Richmond's Business Recycling Resources Program provides an extra level of support to help local businesses increase recycling and manage their waste.

Access free resources, customized coaching and learn how to develop a Recycling and Waste Reduction Plan.



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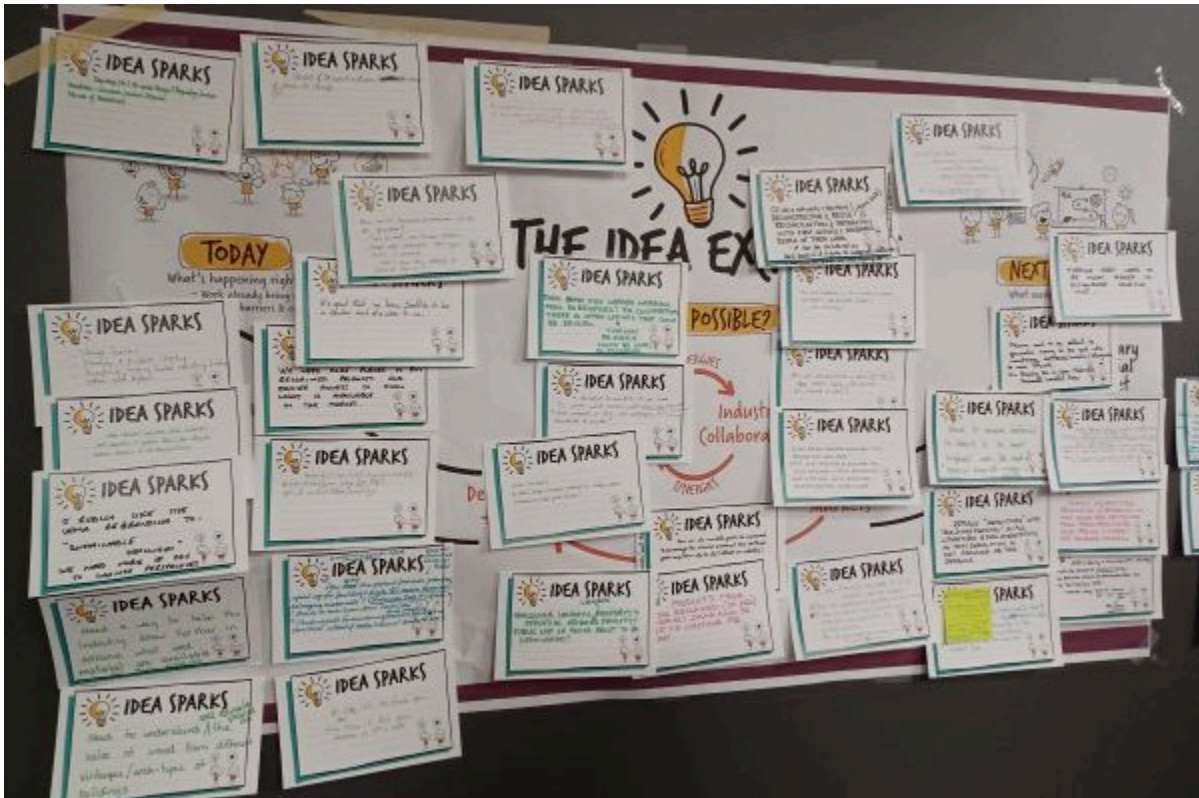


## Save Energy and Money

### Switch to a heat pump

The City of Richmond is offering new incentives to help its residents transition to electric heat pumps as a cost-effective heating and cooling solution for their home. Owners of single-family homes, duplexes and townhomes can now receive a \$350 rebate from the City on top of significant provincial CleanBC rebates when switching from a fossil fuel system (oil, natural gas or propane) to an electric heat pump system. Owners can also apply for an additional \$500 top-up for an electrical system upgrade if needed.

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## Closing the Loop

### Interactive workshop on construction materials

In October 2024, City staff held a workshop for building sector professionals that focused on maximizing the value of salvaged resources from demolition and integrating them into sustainable, low-carbon projects. Recordings of the presentations will be regularly posted on our website. Expert presenters included: Erick Serpas Ventura, VEMA Deconstruction; Jessica Irving Marschall, Probity Appraisal & The Green Mission; Michelle Mazzotta, Kiwi Insulated Panels, Mark Porter, StructureCraft, Gil Yaron, Light House, Cameron Lockhart, Carbon Wise.

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## Ambitious Greenhouse Gas Reductions

### Major moves for civic buildings

With financial support from FortisBC, the City has completed the comprehensive “Greenhouse Gas Reduction Master Plan Study.” Fifteen City-owned buildings were found to account for 54% of annual civic building emissions. To achieve carbon neutral emissions and financial and energy savings, two essential pathways were identified:

- reduce energy consumption, upgrade electrification equipment and optimize energy controls
- emphasize load reduction and offset fossil fuel gas

The study results provide foundations to support future City decarbonization projects. The City is advancing climate actions but also setting an example for other municipalities, demonstrating leadership in creating a greener, more sustainable future.

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## YouTube Video Series

### Community Connections

Have you ever wondered how cities are planned and maintained? Check out our new and ongoing video series – Community Connections. Residents get a behind the scenes look to see how Richmond’s water mains are replaced, roads are resurfaced, buildings are inspected, ecology is protected, flood protection is designed and maintained, and the circular economy is practiced. See our latest episode about a recent [Teddy Bear Repair Fair](#).

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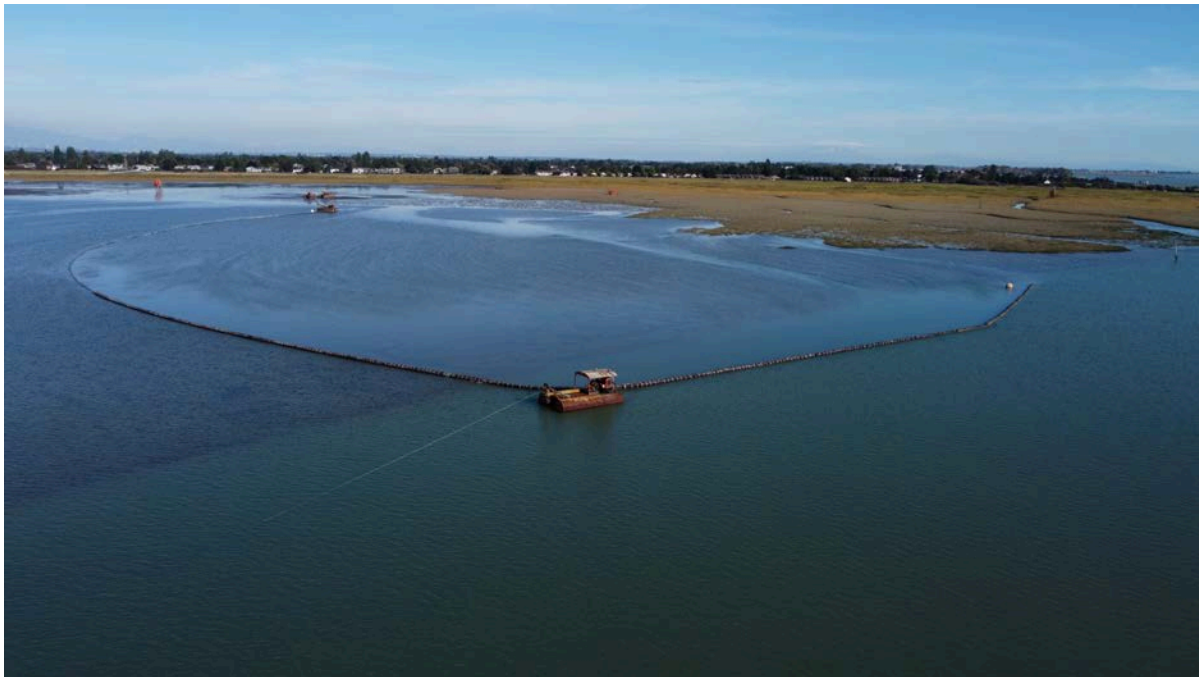
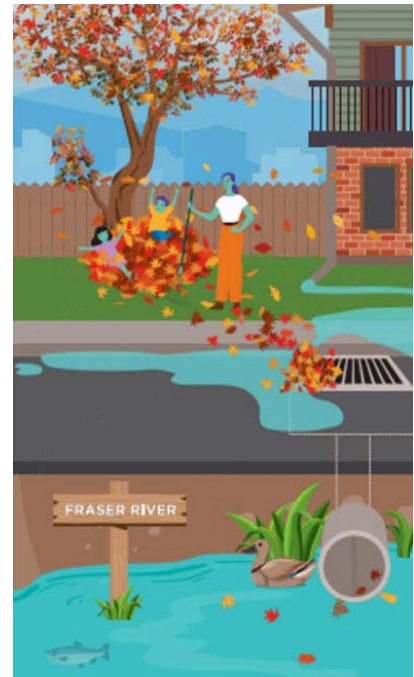
## Keep Your Drains Clear

### Yard maintenance

Fallen leaves and debris can accumulate in storm drains and cause blockages that lead to localized flooding in neighbourhoods.

Rake and remove leaves and debris away from storm drains when you see a buildup.

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## Restoring Sturgeon Bank

### Enhancing important habitat

The Sturgeon Bank Sediment Enhancement Pilot Project, led by Ducks Unlimited, continues to make progress in restoring marsh habitats and strengthening coastal resilience against sea-level rise. This innovative pilot project relocates sediment dredged from the Fraser River onto the Sturgeon Bank foreshore to support marsh health and stability.

This fall, over 5,700 cubic metres of sediment was added to the mudflat, bringing the total placed since the project began to more than 21,000 cubic metres. Alongside sediment placement, the project team conducted drone surveys and continued ecological monitoring to track the marsh's progress and health.

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## Feedback Request

### Energy and Greenhouse Gas emissions reporting

Are you the owner or manager of large retail, office, light industrial or industrial buildings in Richmond? The City wants to hear from you. Visit [LetsTalkRichmond.ca/EnergyGHGReporting](https://LetsTalkRichmond.ca/EnergyGHGReporting) to learn about the benefits of benchmarking, and provide perspectives and feedback on potential challenges and opportunities. Check out the video.

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## Invasive Species Maintenance

### Parrot's feather removal

Parrot's feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*) is an invasive aquatic plant that forms dense mats. It does not pose a risk to human health but it can restrict the flow of stormwater in the winter months, if left unmanaged.

To prevent local flooding the City will begin removing the parrot's feather from Queen's canal which is part of the City's open drainage network that directs stormwater.

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