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Chair Nils Jensen, Chair
Environmental Services Committee
Capital Regional District
625 Fisgard Street,
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Dear Chair Jensen and Members of the Environmental Services Committee,

Re: Honourable Mention, Public Sector Collaboration - 2013 Climate & Energy Action Awards

On behalf of the Community Energy Association, the Province of British Columbia, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, BC Hydro and FortisBC, I am pleased to award the Capital Regional District an **Honourable Mention for Public Sector Collaboration** for the **2013 Climate & Energy Action Awards** for Ready, Set, Solve – the Student Climate Challenge.

From an array of compelling 2013 Climate & Energy Action Award applications, **Ready, Set, Solve** was selected by the judging panel for an Honourable Mention in the Public Sector Collaboration category because this ongoing program:

- Provides long term capacity building for climate action across a broad range of professions,
- is a productive partnership with four public sector organizations – BC Hydro, University of Victoria, Royal Roads University and Camosun College.
- has grown in participation levels since it was piloted in 2011, a strong indicator of the program's success.

This project provides an inspiring example for other communities in BC. I know that the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment, was pleased to present the award to you at the 2013 Union of BC Municipalities Convention. Community Energy Association will showcase this initiative on our website and through the range of services we provide to BC local governments.

The Community Energy Association would like to congratulate the Board and project partners in person and we are working with regional district staff to arrange a delegation. We have enclosed the *2013 Climate & Energy Action Awards News Release* for your information and use.

Once again, congratulations on the leadership you have shown, and we look forward to keeping in close touch as your energy planning and implementation efforts continue.

Yours sincerely,

Darrell Mussatto
Co-Chair Community Energy Association and Mayor, City of North Vancouver

Encl: *2013 Climate & Energy Action Awards News Release*

cc: Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment