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City Reaps Financial Reward for Safe Driving Habits

Abbotsford, March 18, 2010 – The City of Abbotsford received \$167,006 from ICBC in recognition of their safe driving habits, announced Mayor George Peary today.

ICBC's rating system for corporate insurance, the 'Fleet Retrospective Rating Program' uses actual driving experience as a mechanism to either reward good driving practices or levy an additional charge for a bad record. For the City of Abbotsford, a good experience rating in 2008 translated to a rebate reward cheque in the amount of \$167,006.

"We take safe driving very seriously and strive to be leaders in this regard," said Mayor George W. Peary. "Over the last four years, the City has received \$320,800 in rebate cheques from ICBC for the safe driving practices of our employees while at work."

In order to meet the city's high standards of safety, employees are required to meet and encouraged to exceed various types of equipment certification. Operators go through testing and performance evaluations to meet the programs criteria.

"All city employees who regularly use city vehicles as part of their job are provided with instruction on proper operating use," said Peary. "Safety is a top priority for all city employees and is taken very seriously by our operators."

In addition, effective January 1, 2010, a Provincial ban came into play that prohibited drivers from using cell phones without hands free technology. The City went one step further and prohibited employees from using a cellular phone or hands free device while operating any City vehicle.

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