



Okanagan honoured by province for excellence in water stewardship

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When it comes to knowing the importance of water, the Okanagan is tops in British Columbia.

The Valley's Water Board and Stewardship Council received honours from the province on Friday for their achievement, leadership and excellence in water stewardship.

Nelson Jatel, Director of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council, was presented with a trophy and \$1,000 honourarium by The Honourable Steve Thompson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

""The Okanagan Water Stewardship Council exemplifies the World Water Day theme of 'water co-operation' perfectly," said Thomson who presented the award on behalf of Minister of Environment Terry Lake.

"The council's membership is made up of more than two-dozen volunteer representatives from a wide range of interests who come together to work as a team to find effective solutions to benefit everyone in the Okanagan."

One winner is chosen in every province and territory for the National Award; the Okanagan beat out more than 30 applicants across British Columbia.

"This is the ability to recognize the group of volunteers who meet once a month to discuss and provide advice to the Okanagan

Basin Water Board and through them to local government in order to make water resources in the Okanagan more sustainable," says Nelson Jatel, Director of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council.

Photo: (L-R) Hon. Steve Thompson (Minister of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations), Nelson Jatel (Director, Okanagan Water Stewardship Council), Hon. Norm Letnick (Minister of Agriculture), Hon. Ben Stewart (Minister of Citizens' Services & Open Government).

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