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Ucluelet Vies For International Title

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The District of Ucluelet has been short listed for a major international, environmental award that will be handed out in China this November.

Tuesday night, Mayor Dianne St. Jacques announced that Ucluelet has been chosen as a finalist for the 2006 LivCom awards.

"We're the only finalist in North America for a community under 20,000," said St. Jacques.

The district will also compete for a \$20,000 bursary.

Non-political and representing more than 50 countries, the LivCom awards are endorsed by the United Nations Environmental Program and recognize best practices for the management of the environment.

This year's ceremony will take place in Hangzhou, China.

Already this year, Ucluelet has won two awards.

In June, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and CH2M Hill, an engineering firm specializing in sustainable development, presented the district with a Sustainable Communities Award in Montreal.

Just weeks later at the World Planners Congress in Vancouver, Ucluelet won an award for its comprehensive development plan for the Weyerhaeuser lands.