



the partnership for water sustainability in bc



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After retiring as a Senior Manager with BC Hydro's Power Smart program, Mike provided consulting services on energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction, to the Building Owners Management Association of BC.

During Mike's time with Power Smart, he managed and provided direction to a team of Managers and professional staff engaged in various key marketing functions and, in delivering complex and multi-technology products and services through various programs and initiatives.

Mike was also an early member of the BC Water and Waste Association's Water Sustainability Committee and, a Past-President of the BC Electrical Association. With this experience, Mike was an early adopter of the benefits of both energy and water conservation and, the possibilities of "Watergy", which is the relationship between pumped and treated water and the resulting energy consumption.

In 1997, he was a member of the Ministry of Environment Working Group that developed A Water Conservation Strategy for British Columbia, released in 1998.

As Chair of the waterbucket.ca website partnership, Mike recognized a need for a single point of access to news, information and tools for sustainable water management in BC and the website was launched in 2005. By providing universal access to information, and online tools, Mike believes we will continue to see ever-improving standards of practice in all aspects of land development and water resource management

Mike has the proven ability to build effective business relationships based on customer service experience, involvement with industry associations and, government committee memberships. He has also demonstrated ability to deliver high quality presentations at senior level conferences and to all levels of government.

About the Partnership for Water Sustainability in British Columbia

The Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC originated as an inter-governmental partnership, formed in 2002 to fund and develop the Water Balance Model as a web-based decision support tool.

*When the **Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia (Action Plan)** was released in 2004, the Water Balance Model for BC was the centrepiece initiative. Action Plan experience informed development of **Living Water Smart, British Columbia's Water Plan**, released in 2008, as well as the parallel **Green Communities Initiative**.*

*The Partnership for Water Sustainability is the hub for a "convening for action" network in the local government setting, and is responsible for delivering the Action Plan program through partnerships and collaboration. This program includes the **Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Education Initiative**.*

*The Partnership for Water Sustainability plays a bridging role between Province, local government and community; and is the steward for **Stormwater Planning: A Guidebook for British Columbia**, a provincial guidance document released in 2002.*