



the partnership for water sustainability in bc



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A civil and environmental engineer, John Finnie has over 40 years of water, wastewater and solid waste regulatory and utility management experience with the BC Ministry of Environment and the Regional District of Nanaimo.

John was a founding member of The Partnership on Vancouver Island (formerly CAVI) and served as its chair from 2006 to 2011.

A Lifetime Member of the Partnership, John received the first BCWWA Leadership in Water Sustainability Award for his activities with the Partnership on Vancouver Island and for his work in championing the Regional District of Nanaimo Drinking Water & Watershed Protection initiative, the first regional watershed protection function with taxation authority in BC.

He was a member of the Project Steering Committee for the document *Stormwater Planning: A Guidebook for British Columbia*, released in 2002.

In addition to his participation on the Partnership's Leadership Team and the Partnership on Vancouver Island, John is a member of the Regional District of Nanaimo Solid Waste Advisory Committee and serves as a representative/advisor on the Sustainable Funding for Watershed Governance Task Force, led by POLIS.

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.*