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RECOGNIZING GOVERNMENTAL LEADERSHIP IN
SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

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At the CSCE Annual Awards Banquet held in London Ontario on June 3, 2016 the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering presented its 2016 **Award for Governmental Leadership in Sustainable Infrastructure** to the **City of Edmonton** for its **Valley Line Light Rail Transit project**. With this award Edmonton becomes the first city to have won the award twice, having previously been honoured in 2012.

Each year the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering recognizes those in the public sector who, through a project or program, are building for a sustainable future. Any municipal government or provincial or federal department or publically controlled or owned utility that is planning, designing, building or delivering an infrastructure program or project that significantly extends the life of these critical assets, makes better use of resources and reduces the environmental impact may apply. The public sector winners of this Award demonstrate true leadership often in the face of short term political pressure and short sighted budget constraints.

City of Edmonton – Valley Line LRT:



Artist conception of future Davis Station on Edmonton Valley Line LRT



“Looking on the Bright Side” oil on panel artwork by Julianne Gladstone presented to the City of Edmonton in recognition of their commitment to sustainable infrastructure.

Through a thoroughly collaborative process, industry players from design, construction, finance and operations firms came together to conceive the largest infrastructure project in the history of Alberta’s capital city: the Valley Line Light Rail Transit system. The task this group set itself was three-fold: to allow for future extension, to connect to priority revitalization areas and to avoid the creation of neighborhood barriers. Backed by a careful iterative process, an extensive dedication of resources and a genuine commitment from the bidders towards the principles of design and sustainability, the City of Edmonton is now on the path to having one of the most sustainable LRT systems in North America. .

For more information on the Edmonton LRT: http://www.edmonton.ca/ets/transit_projects/future-lrt-projects.aspx

CSCE’s Edmonton Section will be presenting representatives of the City of Edmonton with the CSCE Award for Governmental Leadership in Sustainable Infrastructure, an original work of art painted by emerging artist Julianne Gladstone, at a special ceremony at the Art Gallery of Alberta on June 28, 2016. For more information on this event please contact Mark Scanlon, CSCE Edmonton Section Chair mark.scanlon@arrowonline.ca



The Canadian Society for Civil Engineering

The CSCE acts as the voice of some 5,000 Civil Engineering professionals from across Canada, many of whom play key roles in Canada's infrastructure industry. The CSCE has set itself the task of profiling exemplary individuals in the profession of civil engineering as well as recognizing companies and governmental organizations whose creativity and leadership can make a difference to how infrastructure is built, for now and for the future.

"Every year the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering seeks out and recognizes institutions which exemplify the best in civil engineering in this country. This year we are pleased to be able to bring to the attention of our members, and to the Canadian public, the City of Edmonton Valley Line LRT which stands as an example for all civil engineers and for all Canadians who are interested in how we are building the future of this country" CSCE President, Jim Gilliland

CSCE's Awards Program:

For more information on CSCE's individual and institutional awards please contact Douglas Salloum, Executive Director: doug.salloum@csce.ca or at 514 933-2634 ext. 1