

GREEN CITIES

Premier Gordon Campbell of British Columbia announced a number of initiatives to the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention intended to spur environmental progress at the community level. Among these were:

- A \$ 40 million fund over four years to help communities build bike paths, walkways and green ways.
- Financial incentives to help municipalities retrofit dirty diesel vehicles with cleaner technologies.

- The \$2000 tax break on hybrid vehicle purchases to be extended beyond 2008.
- As of 2007 all new cars leased or purchased by the Province of British Columbia will be hybrids.
- The Province made a commitment to contribute one-third of the Capital Funding towards the best and lowest cost solution that would provide proper sewage treatment for the Capital City, Victoria. Currently the city discharges raw municipal waste into the ocean.