

## CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER CONTEST

The City of New Westminster, in collaboration with School District #40 Student Services, invited grade five and six elementary school students to participate in a poster contest that allowed them to express their environmental learning experiences creatively with the City. The theme of this year's contest – which is in its 8<sup>th</sup> year in running – was “*The 3Rs: Road to Zero Waste*”. The contest provided an opportunity for students to participate in an environmental learning activity for Earth Day on April 22, 2015. Students were invited to create a poster that illustrated their knowledge of the `3 Rs' (Reduce-Reuse-Recycle) and what measures they can take to achieve zero waste.

### Winners of the 2015 Environmental Poster Contest

**1st Place** - Nicolle Marcelo from Qayqayt Elementary School

**2nd Place** - Elena Massing from Connaught Heights Elementary School

**3rd Place** - Bernice Baah from Qayqayt Elementary School

Similar to last year a total of six elementary schools participated with 217 entries received.

The Recycling Council of BC (RCBC) was contracted to deliver free workshops on this subject to classes that were interested. Prizes from our generous sponsors included an 1- year Family Membership to Science World (from local business SYLVIS), \$25 gift certificate for RiverMarket (from the River Market) and gift certificates for the Royal City Farmers Market (donated by the Market). In addition, the City will place an enlarged copy of the 2nd Place winner's artwork on the side of one of the city's collection trucks!

Prizes were awarded to all winners at the June 1, 2015 City of New Westminster Regular Council meeting. Winning artwork, and runners-up posters, will be displayed at the Fraser River Discovery Centre during the “RiverFest” celebration down at the Quay on September 26, 2015. We encourage you to come down to see the posters at the festival!

Thank you to the School District #40 teachers, principals, administration staff and students for taking the time to participate in this program. Photos of students and artwork are included below.





1<sup>st</sup> Place



2<sup>nd</sup> Place



3<sup>rd</sup> Place