

# FVB Canada ~ News

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## FVB Celebrates 20 Year Anniversary!

## 20 years - Then and now

### Thank you to all of our Clients for your business!

May 2012 marks the 20th year that FVB Energy has been operating successfully in Canada.

In 1990 Edmonton Power invited FVB, then a solely Swedish company to investigate the feasibility of a district heating system for the city of Edmonton. After the work with Edmonton Power was completed, the Swedish officers, recognizing the potential of the Canadian market decided to create a permanent location in Alberta. Along with the market potential the Swedes found they could also enjoy a decent game of hockey so the decision to stay was motivated twofold.

Over the past two decades the company has restructured to bring the ownership of the Canadian operations to Canada while maintaining close ties to our Swedish parent, FVB Sverige AB. In fact, FVB Energy, Inc. Canada is an excellent example of how an international company can successfully import its intellectual expertise into Canada. The Swedish officers recognized the environmental similarities between Sweden and the Canadian North and were confident that their district energy solution could benefit communities in that area. As the office recruited more Canadian engineers and trained them in the unique properties and advantages of district energy these engineers became indefatigable proponents for district energy.

In fact, FVB believes that this characteristic, more than any other, sets it apart. The engineers and designers at FVB are passionate about district energy and are confident that if given the opportunity can create a system that will benefit communities for generations.



## Our Vancouver office has moved!

We invite you to come visit us at our new Vancouver office location:

- ✧ Suite 202, 4445 Lougheed Highway  
Burnaby, BC, V5C 0E4

Our phone and fax numbers remain the same.



## FVB ~ In the Community

In the month of November, FVB participated in the **November Challenge**, with **13 staff and family members** participating from the Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver offices.

By growing their moustaches, they raised **over \$ 3,700** to help support vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically **prostate cancer**, which is the number one male Cancer in Canada.

FVB Canada donated **\$2,000** to match the funds raised by staff for a total of **\$5,700 donated**. Thank you to all our Mo Bros and Mo Sistas who participated!



## Sustainability at FVB

FVB is proud of our **Sustainability Initiatives**. In addition to the day to day work of designing sustainable energy systems, FVB staff are constantly looking for ways to reduce our environmental impact.

Some environmental sustainability initiatives include:

- ✂ Our Vancouver office offers **subsidizes public transportation** passes to all our employees
- ✂ Our colleagues in Edmonton **cycled over 3,400 km** to and from the office.
- ✂ Staff in our Vaughan offices are no slouches either, contributing over **600 hrs of volunteer time** in the last year.

Other interesting facts:

- ✂ We are proud members of the **Canadian Green Building Council**.
- ✂ We are committed to **reducing energy consumption** in our offices.
- ✂ We are **North America's leading consultant in district energy**.

*Be sure to check our FVB's sustainability policy and let us know if you have any additional suggestion for the future!*



*November Participants from  
FVB Toronto (top)  
FVB Vancouver (middle)  
and FVB Edmonton (bottom)*



## Staff News

### **FVB would like to announce the following:**

Congratulations to **Karl Marietta**, who is the new Vice President in FVB's Vancouver office. Karl relocated to Vancouver from our Vaughn office in Summer 2011, we wish him all the best.



Congratulations to **Elliot Digby**, who recently transferred from our Vaughn office to our Edmonton office, we wish him all the best.

### **FVB would like to welcome the following staff:**

- \* **Gary Saskiw** joined the FVB Edmonton office in January 2012. Gary is a graduate of the University of Alberta in Mechanical Engineering Co-op, he was previously with us as a student for three work terms and we are happy to have him join the FVB team full time.
- \* **Terri Chu** joined the FVB Vaughn office in January 2012. Terri has her Masters in Civil Engineering, specializing in urban sustainable systems. Terri also has background in finance and will be assisting John Stephenson in the Business Analysis of district energy systems.
- \* **Niall Pidgeon** joined the FVB Vaughan office in May 2012. Niall is a recent immigrant from Ireland with experience designing district heating and district solar projects throughout Ireland. He will be joining the engineering team under the direction of Mark Tracey.



Gary Saskiw, EIT



Terri Chu, M.Sc.



Niall Pidgeon

### **Special Congratulations to:**

- \* **Elliot Digby** upon his wedding, which was held in Edmonton in May 2012.
- \* **Michael Conte** upon his wedding, which was held in Toronto in May 2012.
- \* **Sean Casey** recently obtained his P.Eng designation.
- \* **Mark Galloway** recently obtained his P.Eng designation.



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