

**VALLEY IN BRIEF****Green initiatives impress provincial minister**

Energy-saving initiatives at various city facilities were shown off Wednesday to John Yap, the provincial minister of state for climate action.

"The city is always looking for ways to reduce energy consumption and has made significant progress improving efficiency and developing processes that limit our impact on the environment," city staffer Mark Watt said.

Yap visited the Glenmore dump, where yard waste and other materials are composted to produce 40,000 tonnes of Glenmore grow, a garden fertilizer. Also at the dump, methane gas is used to generate electricity.

The tour also included a stop at the city's

sewage treatment plant, where upgrades have reduced energy consumption. Energy produced at the plant is used to help heat and cool buildings at the nearby Okanagan College campus.

Solar panels are also being installed at the Kelowna Family Y to help produce hot water for the swimming pool.