

Simpcw First Nation's business arm brings national recognition



(L-r) Simpcw Resources Group (SRG) Director, Paul Donald, and Keith Matthew, CANDO President Director for Southern British Columbia, are shown with the 2019 Cando Community of the Year Award that was presented to Simpcw Resources Group at the Oct. 27-30, Cando Conference in Gatineau, Que. Cando is the organization that promotes economic development in Indigenous communities throughout Canada. (Cando photo) By Sam Laskaris

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The [Simpcw First Nation](#) is proof that even a relatively small First Nation can achieve great things.

"We're just a little band that could," said Paul Donald, a director of the [Simpcw Resources Group](#) (SRG), the business arm of the First Nation based in British Columbia.

Primarily because of SRG efforts, the Simpcw First Nation was selected as the Community of the Year at this year's Cando Conference.

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This marked the 26th year of the Cando Conference, which rotates to various cities across the country.

The most recent conference was staged Oct. 27-30 in Gatineau, Que.

Simpcw was one of two communities that had been previously named as a finalist for the Cando award.