



COMMERCIAL DIVISION

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Winners Announced for 2010 VIREB Commercial Building Awards



Greg and Troy-Anne Constable of Island West Coast Developments, winners of both the Office category and the Judge's Choice Award for Best Overall Entry

PARKSVILLE, BC – It was another full house at the third annual Vancouver Island Real Estate Board's (VIREB) Commercial Building Awards hosted by VIREB's Commercial Division on April 15, 2010 at the Tigh Na Mara Resort.

Dignitaries at the Commercial Building Awards included; John Ruttan, Nanaimo Mayor; Allan Corbett, Canadian Commercial Council of BC/Yukon Director; Tim Down, Chair, BC Commercial Council and Cliff Moberg, VIREB President.

Finalists and winners came from various VIREB zones, including Comox Valley, Cowichan Valley, Parksville-Qualicum Beach, Port Alberni, the West Coast, and Nanaimo. VIREB's 2010 Commercial Council Vice-Chair Dave Hammond says the

quality of entries were simply outstanding. "The interest in our Commercial Building Awards has been well received again this year. The calibre of workmanship and design is setting a standard for Vancouver Island that would be the envy of any area in the country!"

To be eligible for nomination, an investment, commercial or industrial building, development or renovation projects had to have been completed between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.

A team of independent judges, selected from the professional and development industries but not members of the Commercial Division, made the selections.

The Judges Choice Award, selected from the twelve Awards of Excellence winners, went to Island Westcoast Developments Ltd. of Nanaimo for Best Overall Entry. Greg Constable's company won both the Judge's Choice Award and Excellence Award for the Office Category for Island Westcoast Developments' "Green" Building on McCullough Road, an outstanding building built to the highest environmental standards.

Greg welcomes the recognition. "This is about changing ways, and changing thought patterns in how things are done. It's a pretty simple statement, but a powerful one."

Winners of the Award of Excellence, Award of Merit and Finalist Award in the twelve categories are:

- Mixed Use (Commercial/Residential/Industrial): The Shore in Tofino (Award of Excellence) The Beach Club in Parksville (Award of Merit) Ucluetian Live Work Spaces of Ucluelet (Finalist Award) and Heritage Business Park Phase I of Ladysmith (Finalist Award)
- Seniors Housing: Kiwanis Villas in Nanaimo (Award of Excellence)
- Multi Family Condo: Pacifica of Nanaimo (Award of Excellence) The Texada of Nanaimo (Award of Merit) and Pacific Gardens of Nanaimo (Award of Merit)
- Institutional Renovation: The Regional District of Nanaimo Administration and Transit Building Addition (Award of Excellence)
- Commercial Renovation: Terminal Park Shopping Centre of Nanaimo (Award of Excellence) Norwood's Restaurant of Ucluelet (Award of Merit) Wholesale Sports Building of Nanaimo (Finalist Award) and Harris Kia of Nanaimo (Finalist Award)
- Multi Family Townhouse: The Luxfords at Lexington in Nanaimo (Award of Excellence) and Maple Woods Phase I of Duncan (Award of Merit) Creekside at Corfield (Finalist Award) and Blackcomb Ridge of Nanaimo (Finalist Award)
- Office: Island Westcoast Developments "Green" Office Building of Nanaimo (Award of Excellence) Haven Society Community Services Building of Nanaimo (Award of Merit)
- Industrial Renovation: Houle Electric in Nanaimo (Award of Excellence) and West Bay Mechanical Ltd. of Nanaimo (Award of Merit)
- Affordable Housing: Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society (Award of Excellence)
- Hospitality: The Crown Mansion in Qualicum Beach (Excellence Award) and Holiday Inn Express and Suites of Comox Valley (Finalist Award)

- Industrial: EB Horsman Building of Courtenay (Excellence Award) Purolator of Nanaimo (Finalist Award) La-Z-Boy Warehouse in Nanaimo (Finalist Award) and Alpine of Nanaimo (Finalist Award)
- Retail: Georgiaview Village of Nanaimo (Excellence Award) Galaxy Motors in Nanaimo (Award of Merit) The Brick of Duncan (Finalist Award) Rona of Nanaimo (Finalist Award) and Cowichan Commons in Duncan (Finalist Award)

Commercial Building Awards Chair Jay Cousins, with VIREB, says VIREB's Commercial Division, now in its 5th year, has proven to be a great success. "As a Division, we really wanted to find a way to come together to recognize and honour the best in commercial buildings north of the Malahat on Vancouver Island."

Joining title sponsor Meyers Norris Penny LLP, category sponsors included Terasen Gas, RBC Royal Bank, the Business Development Bank of Canada and Business Vancouver Island newspaper.

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A slide show of the event is available for viewing at:

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