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## CAMPBELL RIVER BUILDING EARNS TOP HONOURS AT 2015 COMMERCIAL BUILDING AWARDS

NANAIMO, BC – A sell-out crowd filled the Coast Bastion Inn on April 23 for the 8th Annual VIREB Commercial Building Awards, where 34 of the best commercial and industrial structures north of the Malahat vied for top honors. The Broadstreet Properties and Seymour Pacific Developments building in Campbell River earned the Judges Choice Award as the best overall winner.

Awards Chair Derek Costantino thanked the judges for their time and effort, noting that choosing the winners was an extraordinarily tough job this year.

"The calibre of the nominated buildings was outstanding," said Costantino, who also served as Master of Ceremonies for the awards event. "Our judging panel did a tremendous job, but it wasn't easy!"

A team of independent judges assessed each of the projects, in 11 categories, completed between January 1 and December 31, 2014. By category, the Excellence Award winners were:

- Office Broadstreet Properties and Seymour Pacific Developments
- Community Institutional: Uplands Walk Supportive Housing, Nanaimo
- Community Institutional Renovation: Vancouver Island Regional Library, Nanaimo
- Multi-Family: Berwick by the Sea, Campbell River
- Retail: Island Optimal Health/Moksha Yoga, Nanaimo
- Commercial Renovation: Real Estate Webmasters, Nanaimo
- Industrial: McGregor Thompson, Nanaimo
- Industrial Renovation: Trojan Collision Centre, Nanaimo
- Community Recreational: Comox Valley Child Development Sensory Room, Courtenay
- Hospitality: Qualicum Beach Inn
- Mixed-Use: Co-op Parksville Gas Bar, Parksville

The following buildings won Merit Awards:

- Community Institutional: DFO Search & Rescue, Port Hardy; K'omoks First Nation Administration Building,
   Courtenay
- Office: Millstone Medical Centre, Nanaimo; Portsmouth Professional Centre, Nanaimo
- Multi-Family: Oak Manor, Campbell River
- Retail: Oyster Bay Quay, Ladysmith
- Commercial Renovation: Community Farm Store, Duncan
- Industrial: Port Posh Wash, Port Alberni
- Industrial Renovation: Tilray, Nanaimo
- Community Recreational: Alberni Athletic Hall, Port Alberni
- Hospitality: McDonald's Bowen Road, Nanaimo
- Mixed-Use: Hilltop Professional Building, Duncan

RE/MAX Commercial was the Platinum Sponsor for the gala event, with Colliers International and Coastal Community Credit Union coming in as Gold Sponsors. Category sponsors included the Business Development Bank of Canada, Canadian Western Bank, DTZ Barnicke, RBC Royal Bank, MNP LLP, Nanaimo Economic Development Corporation, Invest Comox Valley, and the Vancouver Island Construction Association. Business Examiner Vancouver Island coordinated the awards event.

Commercial Division Chair Bob Moss expressed gratitude to the judges, sponsors, and event organizers.

"These awards are truly a team effort, and everyone came together again this year to make this event such a success," said Moss. "Business Examiner Vancouver Island did a fantastic job coordinating the awards. In particular, I'd like to thank our sponsors; we couldn't do this without them!"

An official souvenir book listing all the winners is available here.

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