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MALAHAT SKYWALK WINS JUDGES' CHOICE AWARD AT VIREB'S 15TH ANNUAL COMMERCIAL BUILDING AWARDS

NANAIMO, BC - The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) held its 15th Annual Commercial Building Awards on April 28 at Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort in Parksville.

Malahat Skywalk, built by Kinsol Timber Systems, earned the **Judges' Choice Award** and **Award of Excellence** in the Tourism category.

A total of 36 projects vied for this year's awards, which celebrate the best commercial, community, and industrial buildings north of the Malahat completed between January 1 and December 31, 2021.

By category, **Awards of Excellence** went to the following projects.

- Affordable Housing - **Maitland Street Village**, Port Alberni
- Automotive - **European Specialty Automotive**, Nanaimo
- Community Institutional - **NRGH Thermal Energy Centre**, Nanaimo
- Hospitality - **Tree Houses at Middle Beach Lodge**, Tofino
- Industrial - **Garry Oak Park**, Nanaimo
- Multi-Family Condominium - **Parq Shore**, Campbell River
- Multi-Family Townhouse - **Raincoast Commons**, Ucluelet
- Office - **Colville Medical Centre**, Nanaimo
- Renovation - **The Riverbend Café and General Store**, Port Alberni
- Retail - **Berkey's Corner**, Duncan
- Tourism - **Malahat Skywalk**

The following structures earned **Awards of Merit**.

- Affordable Housing - **10 Buttertubs**, Nanaimo
- Community Institutional - **Queen Margaret's School**, Duncan; **Cumberland Fire Hall**, Cumberland; **Qwalayu House**, Campbell River
- Hospitality - **CHIMS Guest House, Phase II**, Port Alberni
- Multi-Family Townhouse - **Kerrisdale Corner**, Nanaimo
- Renovation - **Nucii Building C**, Port Alberni
- Retail - **Quality Foods**, Parksville

Stanko-Casswell Place in Cobble Hill won an honourable mention in the renovation category.

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The *Official Souvenir Award Book* for the 2022 awards, which includes photos and descriptions of every building finalist, is available for viewing [here](#). A highlight reel of the awards gala is on [YouTube](#).

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