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## TOURISM TOFINO WINS BIG AT COMMERCIAL BUILDING AWARDS

**NANAIMO, BC** - The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board held its 13th annual Commercial Building Awards (CBAs) in a virtual format this year, with the winners announced in a [video](#) released on September 30.

A near-record total of 43 projects from across Vancouver Island vied for the prestigious awards, which celebrate the best commercial, community, and industrial buildings north of the Malahat, completed between January 1 and December 31, 2019.

**Tourism Tofino** was named the Judges' Choice best overall entry. The project also received an Award of Excellence - Institutional.

A team of independent judges chose the winners in 11 categories: Apartment, Hospitality, Industrial, Institutional, Mixed-Use, Office, Retail, Retail Renovation, Seniors, Social-Community, and Townhouse.

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

- Apartment - **Village on Third**, Nanaimo: General Contractor - Westmark Construction Ltd.
- Hospitality - **Ucluelet Brewing Company**: General Contractors - Woodenworks Construction and Tidewater Timber Frames
- Industrial - **1851 Dufferin Crescent**, Nanaimo: General Contractor - Windley Contracting Ltd.
- Institutional - **Tourism Tofino**: General Contractor - MKM Projects Ltd.
- Mixed-Use - **Cardea**, Nanaimo: General Contractor - Tectonica
- Office - **Portsmouth Professional Centre**, Nanaimo: General Contractor - Westmark Construction Ltd.
- Retail - **Snaw-Naw-As Market**, Lantzville/Nanosee: General Contractor - Ecklundson Construction Group
- Retail Renovation - **RE/MAX Mid-Island Realty**, Port Alberni: General Contractor - CANBuild Smart Solutions
- Seniors - **Berwick**, Qualicum Beach: General Contractor - Denford Construction Management
- Social-Community - **Braidwood Supportive Housing**, Courtenay: General Contractor - AFC Construction Inc.
- Townhouse - **Azalea**, Courtenay: General Contractor - Saywell Contracting Ltd.

The following buildings won **Awards of Merit**.

- Apartment - **The Arbutus**, Nanaimo: General Contractor - WestUrban Developments Ltd.; **The Hub** at Pacific Station, Nanaimo: General Contractor - Westmark Construction Ltd.; **575 Residences**, Campbell River: General Contractor - Crowne Pacific Development Corp.
- Industrial - **Island Pacific Transport**, Ladysmith: General Contractor - Island West Coast Developments; **P & R Truck Centre**, Nanaimo: General Contractor - Windley Contracting Ltd.

- Institutional - **Tofino RCMP**: General Contractor - Island West Coast Developments; **Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh School**, Nanaimo: General Contractor - Kinetic Construction Ltd.
- Mixed-Use - **91 Chapel**, Nanaimo: General Contractor - Island West Coast Developments
- Office - **The Learning Clinic**, Lantzville: General Contractor - R.W. (Bob) Wall Ltd.

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The *Official Souvenir Award Book* for the 2020 awards, which includes photos and descriptions of every building finalist, is available for viewing [here](#).

The awards video is available on [www.VIREB.com](http://www.VIREB.com) and [YouTube](#).

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