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COMOX VALLEY BUILDING WINS TOP HONOURS

PARKSVILLE - The 5th Annual **Vancouver Island Real Estate Board Commercial Building Awards** are like the Oscars for Commercial Buildings. To continue with the analogy, the **Vancouver Island Visitors Centre** in Courtenay received the Best Picture Oscar April 12. The landmark gateway building which welcomes visitors to the Comox Valley captured the *Judge's Choice Award* for best overall entry, as well as the *Excellence Award* for the Institutional category before a packed house at the gala award ceremony held at **The Beach Club Resort** in Parksville.

The *Judge's Choice Award* was the highlight of an evening that celebrated a record 41 nominations for the coveted awards, nominees located in communities across Vancouver Island north of the Malahat. **RE/MAX Commercial** was the Title Sponsor of the event, with Gold Sponsors **Coastal Community Credit Union, Fortis BC** and **Colliers International**. Category sponsors were **Canadian Western Bank, the Royal Bank of Canada** and the **Business Development Bank of Canada**.

Excellence Award winners were announced in the following categories:

- **Hustwick Place** of Parksville (Mixed Use)
- **Widsten Block** of Nanaimo (Office Reno)
- **755 Terminal Avenue** of Nanaimo (Heritage Reno)
- **Courtenay City Hall** (Institutional Reno)
- **Port Place Mall** of Nanaimo (Retail Reno)
- **Hornby Island Waste Management Centre** of Hornby Island (Industrial)
- **City Tile** of Nanaimo (Industrial Reno)
- **Vancouver Island University - Cowichan Campus** (Education)
- **Nanaimo Cruise Ship Terminal Building** of Nanaimo (Office)
- **Stone's Throw Building 1** of Parksville (Multi Family)
- **The Sabbatical** of Ucluelet (Hospitality) and
- **Green Rock Industrial Subdivision** of Nanaimo (Community Enhancement)

Awards of Merit went to the **Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses** in Port Alberni (Institutional Reno), **Dolly's Home Hardware** of Qualicum Beach (Retail Reno), 2960 Moray Avenue of Courtenay (Industrial), 2350 Dorman Road (**Sonoco Warehouse**) of Nanaimo (Industrial Reno), **Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Centre** and **Campbell River Airport Expansion** (Institutional), **Ecole Mer-et-montagne** of Comox (Education), 3721 Shenton Road in Nanaimo (Office), **Piercy Creek** of Courtenay (Multi Family), **Port Place Mall Building C, TD Bank** of Nanaimo (Retail), and **NIC Gathering Place** in Campbell River (Community Enhancement).

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