



COMMERCIAL DIVISION

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*Photo Outline: "Jay Cousins, Past Chair of the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board's Commercial Division."*

## **Date set for 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Van Island Commercial Building Awards**

NANAIMO – The Commercial Division of the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) has announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Commercial Building Awards will be held April 23, 2009 in Parksville.

The gala event, which will highlight the best in commercial building in VIREB's jurisdiction - north of the Malahat on Vancouver Island, will again be held at **Tigh Na Mara Seaside Spa Resort & Conference Centre**.

"We're very excited about hosting the Commercial Building Awards again," says **Jay Cousins** of **RE/MAX of Nanaimo**, who will oversee the event again this year for VIREB's Commercial Division.

"It's a great opportunity to celebrate the best in commercial building. The inaugural event was a sell out, we had over 50 nominations for the first awards and we're anticipating a great response again this year," he says.

To be eligible, investment, commercial or industrial building or renovation projects across the VIREB region had to have been completed between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

The nomination deadline is March 6, 2009. Meyers Norris Penny Chartered Accountants will once again be the Title Sponsor for the event.

Awards are presented under eight categories. Categories *may be* adjusted based on nomination response.

- Mixed use (commercial/residential)
- Senior's Housing
- Multi Family

- Community Institutional
- Retail
- Industrial
- Commercial renovation/restoration
- Office

Each submission will be judged on the following criteria:

- Investment, commercial or industrial building or renovation projects located within the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board area
- Investment, commercial or industrial building or renovation projects completed between **January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.**
- Does it complement the surrounding properties and area?
- Is it esthetically pleasing?
- Are their unique architectural features?
- What is the level of finish (choice in construction materials)?
- Does it answer a specific development need within the community?
- Does it have any environmentally friendly or green elements for possible consideration?

A panel of independent judges, selected at large by VIREB's Commercial Division, will consider each nomination, look at the overall exterior design of the project, and determine how each fits into the surrounding area. Once all sites are evaluated, the judges will decide the winners.

Nomination applications can be downloaded from VIREB's website: [www.vireb.com](http://www.vireb.com), or by calling event coordinator **Business Vancouver Island** at 1-866-758-2684, or emailing them at [info@businessvi.ca](mailto:info@businessvi.ca)

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