



COMMERCIAL DIVISION

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Photo Cutline: "Jay Cousins, Event Chair of the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board's Commercial Division."

Lots of nominations & ticket demand for 2nd Commercial Building Awards

PARKSVILLE - Another sell-out is expected for the second edition of the **Vancouver Island Real Estate Board's Commercial Building Awards** - set for April 23 at **Tigh Na Mara Seaside Spa Resort & Conference Centre** in Parksville.

"Once again, the quality of the entries has been simply outstanding. The quality of workmanship and design is setting a standard for Vancouver Island that would be the envy of any area in the country," says Event Chair **Jay Cousins**.

"We thought the judges had a difficult time last year for the first awards, but I think they had an even tougher time deciding which projects would make the list of finalists," Cousins added.

Over 30 properties submitted applications for the awards. To be eligible for nomination, investment, commercial, industrial buildings, development or renovation projects located within the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board area (Mill Bay to Port Hardy, including Tofino- Ucluelet) must have been completed between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

Meyers Norris Penny LLP Chartered Accountants is the title sponsor of the event, with **Terasen Gas**, the **Business Development Bank of Canada** and **RBC Royal Bank** sponsoring categories at the gala, which sold out last year and is expected to do the same this time around.

There are 10 categories in this year's competition:

- Mixed Use
- Seniors' Housing
- Multi Family
- Community Institutional
- Commercial/Retail
- Industrial
- Commercial Renovation-Restoration
- Office
- Hospitality
- Affordable Housing

Tickets to the event are \$75 and are available through the **Business Vancouver Island** website: www.businessvi.ca (click under button, 'Events' on the left hand navigation). Seating is limited, so those desiring to attend need to reserve early to avoid disappointment.

Nominees will be featured in a souvenir program.

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