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## **VIREB's 2007 REALTOR® of the Year chosen from REALTORS® Care Award winners**



*2007 winner Bill McGuire (right) receives award from 2006 REALTOR® of the Year Jim Stewart*



*REALTORS® Care Award winners: (left) Bill McGuire, Dave Proctor, Ian Lindsay, and Erika-Leigh Haley accepts for Harvey Hunter.*

NANAIMO, B.C. – **Bill McGuire** was named REALTOR® of the Year by the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB), during the organization's recent AGM at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre.

The night before the AGM, McGuire was named one of the various zone REALTORS® Care Award recipients at VIREB's first annual REALTORS® Care Awards and Past Presidents dinner, held February 28, 2008 at Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort and Conference Centre in Parksville.

McGuire says winning was very humbling.

“To join the illustrious past winners, many of whom I have worked with in my 31 years as a REALTOR®, is truly an honour I am very proud of.”

McGuire, a Nanaimo REALTOR® since 1978, has been the longtime face of the Nanaimo Marine Festival, serving as the Commodore of the Loyal Nanaimo Society since it began in 1976.

“I think the REALTORS Care Awards will let people know just how much REALTORS® are involved in their communities,” he says.

VIREB created the REALTORS® Care Awards in order to recognize and honour the outstanding achievements and community volunteerism of Vancouver Island REALTORS®.

For the first time, VIREB’s REALTOR® of the Year was selected from the REALTORS® Care Award recipients, as determined by an independent panel of judges.

Harvey Hunter, Ian Lindsay and Dave Proctor were also named REALTORS® Care Award winners, at the dinner event attended by 100.

Hunter is a Campbell River REALTOR® heavily involved with BC Special Olympics and the Howie Meeker Golf Classic, which he has organized for 18 years.

“I was surprised and humbled,” he says. “It certainly means a lot to be recognized by my peers for something that I truly believe in, enjoy doing and get so much personal pleasure from seeing people attain their 'personal best' when given the opportunity.”

Lindsay is a Parksville/Qualicum REALTOR® with extensive involvements in the Qualicum Beach Rotary Club, fundraising chair of the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre and the Premier’s Performance Fine Arts evening in Qualicum.

“I felt that receiving the acknowledgement was very special in that it came from my peers in the industry,” he says. “One is also a little humbled, not only because of what others do but because we don’t do it for recognition but rather for the benefit of our community.”

Proctor is a 25-year Comox Valley REALTOR® and Rotarian who spent two months in 2007 riding his bike across Canada, raising money for breast cancer research.

“Going across Canada last summer I had a lot of time to think. One of the things I realized as I rode, after I met many REALTORS® from other communities, was how much we as REALTORS® put back into our communities,” Proctor says.

VIREB represents approximately 1,185 licensed REALTOR® members in more than 85 member offices on Vancouver Island (north of Victoria).

The REALTORS® Care Awards event was sponsored by Coast Capital Savings, which serves 360,000 members through 49 branches across the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island.

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