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TWIN SAIL BUILDINGS IN COMOX EARN TOP HONOURS AT 2018 VIREB COMMERCIAL BUILDING AWARDS

NANAIMO, BC – A sell-out crowd attended the 11th Annual VIREB Commercial Building Awards (CBAs) on April 19 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

The CBAs honour the best commercial and industrial structures built in the VIREB area in the 2017 calendar year. A record number of 54 buildings were named finalists this year, and a team of independent judges chose the winners.

The **Twin Sail Buildings** in Comox won both the Judges' Choice Award and the Award of Excellence – Community Amenity, while our Green Award went to the **Memorial Avenue Rain Garden and Retention Pond** in Qualicum Beach.

By category, Awards of Excellence went to the following.

- Community Amenity: **Twin Sail Buildings, Town of Comox Marina Park**, Comox
- Hospitality Renovation: **Kwa'lilas Hotel**, Port Hardy
- Institutional: **North Island Hospital**, Courtenay
- Institutional Renovation: **Cowichan Tribes Administration & Lands Building Expansion**, Duncan
- Mixed-Use: **Riverwalk Centre**, Courtenay; **Dakova Square**, Duncan (co-winners)
- Multi-Family Apartment: **130 Vancouver Avenue**, Nanaimo
- Multi-Family Townhome: **Sequoia Lifestyle Homes**, Duncan
- Multi-Family Renovation: **Forest Glen Manor**, Nanaimo
- Office: **Ariyah Place**, Nanaimo
- Retail: **Cypre Corner**, Tofino
- Retail Renovation: **Extreme Ends Salon and Spa**, Courtenay
- Seniors: **Eden Gardens**, Nanaimo

The following buildings won Awards of Merit.

- Community Amenity: **Memorial Avenue Rain Garden and Retention Pond**, Qualicum Beach
- Hospitality Renovation: **Best Western Northgate Renovation**, Nanaimo
- Institutional: **North Island Hospital**, Campbell River; **Ty Histanis Health Centre**, Tofino
- Institutional Renovation: **Kiwanis Soroptimist Dining Room Addition**, Nanaimo

- Mixed-Use: **1847 and 1849 Dufferin Crescent**, Nanaimo
- Multi-Family Townhome: **Meadow Woods**, Ladysmith; **Nelson Ridge Townhomes**, Nanaimo
- Office: **Pacific Station, Phase 3, Buildings A and B**, Nanaimo; **373 Coronation Avenue**, Duncan
- Retail: **Zolena**, Coombs
- Retail Renovation: **Royal LePage Advance Realty**, Port Hardy
- Seniors: **Malaspina Care Residence**, Nanaimo

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An official souvenir book listing all the winners is available [here](#).

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