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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2021 COMMERCIAL BUILDING AWARDS

NANAIMO, BC – Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) has 45 finalists vying for top honours at its 14th Annual Commercial Building Awards. The awards show is virtual for the second year in a row, with the winners announced on May 7.

Commercial, industrial, and revenue-producing projects – including renovations – completed within the VIREB area between January 1 and December 31, 2020, are up for the awards.

“We are pleasantly surprised and thrilled by the number of nominations and finalists this year,” says Mike Mullin, VIREB’s Commercial Chair. “We knew construction continued at a very strong pace last year but didn’t think we’d get more than the previous year’s 43 nominations.”

Finalists categorized by their communities are listed below.

- **Campbell River** (7) – Campbell River Airport, BC Transit, Crestview Townhomes, Campbell River Golf Club, Linda’s Place, NEO Apartment Residences, Southpoint
- **Chemainus** (2) – The Cottages, Vancouver Island Regional Library
- **Courtenay** (4) – Cubes, Enclave Residences, JRP Solutions, Parkside
- **Cowichan Valley** (1) – BC Transit
- **Duncan** (1) – The Aria
- **Ladysmith** (1) – Ladysmith Thrift Store
- **Nanaimo** (20) – Nanaimo Association for Community Living, Nanaimo Airport, Aspengrove School, Caledonian Clinic, Dodd’s Furniture, Minute Men Storage, Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society at 77 Mill Street, Nanaimo Innovation Academy Classroom, North Grove Apartments, Oakwood, Quality Inn, Riverstone Place, SPCA Barn, The Met, The Virage, VI Granite & Quartz, Village Centre, Village on Third Phase 2, VIMHS Rosehill, Wendy’s
- **Nanosee** (1) – Fairwinds Landing
- **Parksville** (3) – CRU Building, Gateway Apartments, Sandscapes Apartments
- **Port Alberni** (1) – CHIMS Guest House
- **Port Hardy** (1) – Port Hardy Airport
- **Qualicum Beach** (1) – Qualicum Beach Airport
- **Tofino** (2) – Hotel Zed, Surf Grove Campground

There will also be a Judges' Choice Award for best overall entry. The Tourism Tofino buildings in Tofino won last year's Judges' Choice Award.

A select team of independent judges from the real estate industry adjudicated the 2020 entries.

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