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VILLAGE ON THIRD RECEIVES JUDGES' CHOICE AWARD AT VIREB'S 14TH ANNUAL COMMERCIAL BUILDING AWARDS

NANAIMO, BC – The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) held its 14th Annual Commercial Building Awards in a virtual format this year, with the winners announced on Friday, May 7.

A total of 45 projects vied for this year's awards, which celebrate the best commercial, community, and industrial buildings north of the Malahat completed between January 1 and December 31, 2020.

Village on Third Phase II, built by Westmark Construction and designed by D-Architecture, received the Judges' Choice Award for best overall entry and won the Award of Excellence in the Mixed-Use category.

By category, **Awards of Excellence** went to the following projects.

- Affordable Housing - **Nanaimo Association for Community Living**: Builder - Knappet Projects
- Community Institutional - **Nanaimo Airport**, Cassidy: Builder - Durwest Construction
- Hospitality - **Hotel Zed**, Tofino: Builder - Farmer Construction
- Industrial - **Oakwood Business Park**, Nanaimo: Builder - Windley Contracting
- Mixed-Use - **Village on Third Phase II**, Nanaimo: Builder - Westmark Construction
- Multi-Family Apartments - **NEO Apartment Residences**, Campbell River: Builder - Crowne Pacific
- Multi-Family Condominium - **The Met**, Nanaimo: Builder - Windley Contracting
- Multi-Family Townhouse - **The Aria**, Duncan: Builder - Blueprint Custom Homes
- Office - **JRP Solutions Ltd.**, Courtenay: Builder - Avril Homes
- Retail - **VI Granite & Quartz**, Nanaimo: Builder - Island West Coast Developments
- Retail Renovation - **Ladysmith Thrift Store**: Builder - MKM Projects

Awards of Merit, for runners-up in a category, went to the following buildings.

- Affordable Housing - **The Virage**, Nanaimo and **VIMHS Rosehill**, Nanaimo: Builder - Saywell Contracting
- Community Institutional - **Port Hardy Airport**: Builder - Kinetic Construction; **Nanaimo Innovation Academy Classroom**: Builder - Saywell Contracting; **SPCA Barn**, Nanaimo: Builder - Island West Coast Developments
- Multi-Family Apartments: **Cubes**, Courtenay: Builder - AFC Construction; **Sandscapes Apartments**, Parksville: Builder - WestUrban Developments
- Retail - **CRU Building**, Parksville: Builder - Windley Contracting

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The *Official Souvenir Award Book* for the 2021 awards, which includes photos and descriptions of every building finalist, is available for viewing [here](#). The awards video is on [YouTube](#).

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For more information on the awards, visit www.vireb.com or www.businessexaminer.ca.

