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CRAFTSMANSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTED AT 2009 CARE AWARDS

VICTORIA – West Coast gold was in abundance as a record number of projects were awarded top honours at the 2009 Construction Achievements and Renovations of Excellence (CARE) Awards. *Project of the Year – Single Family* was presented to “Island Residence” by Coastal Construction Ltd., which walked away with 6 Gold Awards, including Best Custom Millwork. *Project of the Year – Development* was awarded to “Balance” by Dockside Green, reflecting the importance of energy efficiency and sustainability. More than 300 builders, trades, and suppliers attended the gala event on Friday, Oct. 2 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel.

“The Projects of the Year indicate the importance of craftsmanship and environmental sustainability in the CARE Awards,” says Gordon English, Chair of the CARE Awards. “A record number of entries made for intense competition and the winners have certainly raised the bar for future awards.”

Other multiple winners were Città Group, Gordon Hemsworth Construction Ltd., Concert Real Estate Corporation, Dockside Green, THE SKY IS THE LIMIT DESIGN, G.E. Miller Builder & Contractor Inc., Smithdesigns, and B Cubed Construction Ltd.

The 2009 *People’s Choice Award* was won by T.S. Williams Construction Ltd. & The Interior Design Group for “Metro Mountain.” During the summer, consumers cast hundreds of ballots for their favourite CARE Awards Finalist on display in malls and via the internet.

The award for *Excellence in Creating Housing Affordability* went to CHBA – Central Vancouver Island and their partners for the “Bowen Road Project.” The award for *Best Heritage Project* was presented to Abstract Developments Inc. for preservation of a heritage mansion by architect Henry Sandham Griffith.

Built Green™ BC Builder of the Year was Città Group for their sustainable project at Oceanwood Estates. *The Lifetime Achievement Award* went to Chris Erb, SupErb Construction in Nanaimo for his volunteer work and many contributions promoting industry professionalism. Doug Bromage, Insight Holdings Ltd., also from Nanaimo, won the *Building Better Futures Community Award* for stylish, affordable housing tailored to both seniors and young people with limited incomes.

“The 2009 CARE Awards celebrates both the projects and the people behind them,” says Casey Edge, Executive Officer, CHBA-Victoria. “I invite the public to visit www.careawards.com and view these outstanding west coast homes geared to every lifestyle.”

The Gold Award winners are, in the opinion of the judges, the very best projects incorporating specific criteria including unique design, function, creative use of space, compatibility with the environment, energy efficiency, effective land use, and cost. For more information on home building professionalism, go to www.chbavictoria.com and www.chbacvi.com.

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We thank the following 2009 CARE Awards sponsors for their commitment to this event and their dedication to the residential construction industry:

Gold	Coast Capital Savings; McLaren Properties Ltd.; Terasen Gas
Silver	BC Housing; Berwick Retirement Communities; National Home Warranty Programs; Residential Construction Industry Training Organization; Travelers Guarantee Company of Canada; Victoria Real Estate Board
Media	Times Colonist; Western Living Magazine
Bronze	BC Hydro Power Smart; Built Green™ BC; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Canadian Western Bank; Georgie Awards®; Habitat for Humanity Victoria

The following are the 2009 CARE Awards Gold winners:

Best Single Family Detached Custom Home under 3,000 sq. ft.

Coastal Construction – Tofino Forest Retreat
Limona Construction Ltd. – McClement

Best Single Family Detached Custom Home over 3,000 sq. ft.

Gordon Hemsworth Construction Ltd. – Lyons Den

Best Single Family Detached Spec Home under 2,500 sq. ft.

Rayn Properties Ltd. – Clare Street

Best Single Family Detached Spec Home over 2,500 sq. ft.

Città Group – Lot 15 @ Oceanwood Estates

Best Single Family Detached Home \$1,000,000 - \$3,000,000 under 4,000 sq. ft.

Terra Firma Builders Ltd. – Lakeside Grand Piano

Best Single Family Detached Home \$1,000,000 - \$3,000,000 over 4,000 sq. ft.

Città Group – Beach House

Best Single Family Detached Home over \$3,000,000

Coastal Construction – Island Residence

Best New Subdivision

Città Group – Oceanwood Estates

Best Multi-Family / Townhouse Project

Casa Projects Inc. & Jenny Martin Design – The Promenade

Best Outdoor Living Space – Single Family

Coastal Construction – Island Residence

Best Outdoor Living Space – Multi-Family

Bayview Properties Limited Partnership – Bayview One

Best Residential Renovation or Restoration under \$200,000

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT DESIGN – Rattenbury

Best Residential Renovation or Restoration \$200,000 - \$400,000

Agius Builders Ltd. – Grief Point Waterfront

Best Residential Renovation or Restoration \$400,000 - \$1,000,000

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT DESIGN & Gorter Construction Ltd. – Tudor House

Best Residential Renovation or Restoration over \$1,000,000

Abstract Developments Inc. – The Griffith

Best Kitchen under 200 sq. ft.

Terry Johal Developments Ltd. – Luminara

Best Kitchen 200 - 300 sq. ft.

Smithdesigns – 910

Best Kitchen over 300 sq. ft.

Coastal Construction & Swiftsure Woodworkers Ltd. – Island Residence

Best Bathroom under 125 sq. ft.

G.E. Miller Builder & Contractor Inc. – Castle Highlands “Temple of Clean”

Best Bathroom over 125 sq. ft.

B Cubed Construction Ltd. – Stone House

Best Master Suite under 500 sq. ft.

G.E. Miller Builder & Contractor Inc. – Castle Highlands “Temple of Clean”

Best Master Suite over 500 sq. ft.

B Cubed Construction Ltd. – Stone House

Smithdesigns – 813

Best Residential Interior under 2,000 sq. ft.

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT DESIGN – Oliver Street

Best Residential Interior 2,000 – 4,500 sq. ft.

Christopher Developments Inc. & Zebra Design – Mondrian

Best Residential Interior over 4,500 sq. ft.

Coastal Construction – Island Residence

Best Custom Millwork under 4,500 sq. ft.

Smithdesigns – 605

Best Custom Millwork over 4,500 sq. ft.

Coastal Construction – Island Residence

Best Commercial Project

Artisan Properties Ltd. – The Cubbon Commercial Centre

Best Commercial Interior

McKinnon & Associates Ltd. & tdSwansburg design studio – Old House Village Spa

Best Condominium / Mixed-Use Development

Dockside Green – Balance

Customer Service - Builder / Renovator / Trade

Concert Real Estate Corporation

Best Sales Centre or Showroom

Concert Real Estate Corporation – Chelsea

Best Website by a CHBA Member Company

Swiftsure Woodworkers Ltd. - www.swiftsurewoodworkers.com

Best Project Website

InSight Holdings Ltd. – Hawthorne Community Phase 1 & 2 - www.hawthornehomes.ca

Best Overall Marketing Campaign

Concert Real Estate Corporation

Award for Outdoor Environmental Achievement

Gordon Hemsworth Construction Ltd. – Lyons Den

Award for Indoor Environmental Achievement and Energy Efficiency

Gordon Hemsworth Construction Ltd. – Lyons Den

Built Green™ BC Builder of the Year

Città Group

CARE Awards Project of the Year – Single Family

Coastal Construction – Island Residence

CARE Awards Project of the Year – Development

Dockside Green – Balance

Lifetime Achievement Award

Chris Erb, SupErb Construction Ltd.

Excellence in Creating Housing Affordability

CHBA – Central Vancouver Island – The Bowen Road Project

The People’s Choice Award

T.S. Williams Construction Ltd. & The Interior Design Group – Metro Mountain

Best Heritage Award

Abstract Developments Inc. – The Griffith

Building Better Futures Community Award

Doug Bromage, InSight Holdings Ltd.