

VRCA Announces 2017 Silver Awards of Excellence Winners

Construction innovation reduces the environmental impact of projects, enhances the quality and economics of projects and drives value to owners

Vancouver, BC: August 9, 2017 – The Vancouver Regional Construction Association (VRCA) has announced its list of 2017 Silver Awards of Excellence winners. These project-specific Awards recognize the construction industry’s finest companies and projects from across British Columbia.

This year, 45 Silver Award winners have been selected in 15 project categories on the basis of criteria that include the use of innovative techniques, new materials and/or exceptional project management. One Silver Award winner from each project category will be chosen as the Gold Award winner in the respective category at the 29th Awards of Excellence Gala on October 25, 2017, at the Vancouver Convention Centre West.

“This year, 95 companies were nominated from 50 project submissions with a total construction value of over \$1.1 billion dollars.” said Tony Everett, Chairman of the Awards of Excellence Committee. “As judges, we recognize the ongoing significance of new materials and technology and the impact on our industry now and in future. We also recognize that Vancouver has a rich history and we were very impressed with one particular project that is so unique it will receive this year’s Heritage Award.”

Project award categories are numerous and recognize General and Trade Contractors, Mechanical and Electrical Contractors, Manufacturers and Suppliers who deliver an entire project or a component of a project according to specific financial and non-financial criteria. Covering industrial, commercial and institutional projects, submissions included major upgrades to our sewage treatment facilities, rapid transit systems and biohazard manufacturing plants, renovations to our marine facilities, new buildings at our universities and hospitals and new residential towers.

This year, the VRCA has introduced the General Contractor Tenant Improvements project category, to recognize the outstanding work of the local construction industry in tenant improvements projects.

While the majority of the nominated projects are located in the Lower Mainland, entries were also received for projects undertaken in Courtenay, Hudson’s Hope, Kelowna, McNab Creek, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert, Squamish and Trail. All projects have been completed in the past two years.

“This year’s Silver Award winners demonstrate that the industry is embracing more innovative practices when it comes to environmental sustainability,” says Fiona Famulak, President of the

VRCA. “There was an increasing number of LEED projects and a real effort by the industry to reduce the environmental impact of projects through use of new materials and technologies that both enhance the quality and economics of projects and drive value to owners.”

In addition to announcing the 15 Gold Award winners at its Gala on October 25, 2017, the VRCA will present Outstanding Achievement Awards to companies and individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the industry and to community. Outstanding Achievement Awards recognize Lifetime Achievement, Education Leadership, an Outstanding Woman in Construction, Innovation and Productivity, Safety, the VRCA Member of the Year, U40 Excellence in Construction and Construction Workplace Health and Safety.

At the Gala, the VRCA will also award Life Membership to an individual, to honour their significant contributions to the industry and the association.

The VRCA is accepting nominations for both Outstanding Achievement Awards and Life Membership until 9am on Friday, August 11, 2017. [Click here](#) to access the online nomination forms. Registration to attend the 29th Awards of Excellence Gala on October 25, 2017 opens today and can be accessed at vrca.bc.ca/vrcaawards

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About Vancouver Regional Construction Association

With close to 700 members, VRCA is British Columbia’s largest and most inclusive regional construction association, representing union and non-union, general and trade contractors, manufacturers, suppliers and professionals who service the industrial, commercial and institutional construction industry throughout the Lower Mainland. As the industry’s business hub, VRCA provides the resources that the industry needs to be informed, productive, competitive and profitable over the long term.

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VRCA Fact Sheet

2017 Silver Award Winners and Projects

General Contractors - Tenant Improvements

Canadian Turner Construction Company	Miller Thomson Office Renovation
Novacom Building Partners Ltd.	Equinox Fitness West Georgia
Omicron Construction Ltd.	LifeLabs - BRL

General Contractors - Up to \$20 Million

Graham Infrastructure LP	City of Trail Pipe/Pedestrian Bridge
Graham Infrastructure LP	W.A.C. Bennett Dam Spillway Chute Upgrade
ITC Construction Group	Crosstown Elementary School

General Contractors - \$20 Million to \$45 Million

Fraser River Pile & Dredge (GP) Inc.	Squamish Terminals – Berth 1 Reconstruction
Jacob Bros. Construction Inc.	Box Canyon Hydro Electric Project
PCL Constructors Westcoast Inc.	Cargill Track Expansion Project

General Contractors - Over \$45 Million

EllisDon Corporation	Joseph & Rosalie Segal Family Health Centre
Ledcor Construction Limited	TFN – Tsawwassen Mills Mall
Ledcor Construction Limited	The HUB located at King George Station Phase A: Coast Capital Savings

Trade Contractors - Up to \$1 Million (Chairman's Trade Award)

BC Hardwood	Equinox Fitness West Georgia
Beatty Floors Ltd.	Coast Capital Savings - Tenant Improvements
Maxwell Floors Ltd.	Joseph & Rosalie Segal Family Health Centre

Trade Contractors - \$1 Million up to \$3 Million (President's Trade Award)

Glastech Glazing Contractors Ltd.	Langara Science & Technology Building
Power Drywall (2005) Ltd.	Langara Science & Technology Building
Tom Wood Contracting Ltd.	Seaspan - New Head Office

Trade Contractors - \$3 Million to \$7 Million (Founder's Trade Award)

APEX Granite & Tile Inc.	TFN - Tsawwassen Mills Mall
Marine Cladding and Sheet Metal Ltd.	Langara Science & Technology Building
Wesbridge Steelworks Limited	Langara Science & Technology Building

Trade Contractors - Over \$7 Million (Director's Trade Award)

Flynn Canada Ltd.	The HUB located at King George Station Phase A: Coast Capital Savings
George Third & Son Ltd.	Telus Gardens
Solid Rock Steel Fabricating Company Ltd.	Metrotown Station Upgrades

Mechanical Contractors - Up to \$3 Million

Daryl Evans Mechanical	Equinox Fitness West Georgia
Keith Plumbing and Heating Co Ltd.	SFU Water Tower Building Data Centre
Keith Plumbing and Heating Co Ltd.	Surrey Bio-Fuel Processing Facility

Mechanical Contractors - \$3 Million to \$8 Million

Interior Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	Kelowna Community Health and Services Centre
Pitt Meadows Plumbing & Mechanical Systems (2001) Ltd.	The HUB located at King George Station Phase A: Coast Capital Savings
PML Professional Mechanical Ltd.	Marine Gateway ENERGY CENTRE

Mechanical Contractors - Over \$8 Million

Division 15 Mechanical Ltd.	Joseph & Rosalie Segal Family Health Centre
Keith Plumbing and Heating Co Ltd.	North Island Hospital Project - Comox Valley
Trotter & Morton Building Technologies Inc.	Iona Island WWTP Solids Handling Upgrade - Screening, Degritting and Thickening

Electrical Contractors - Up to \$2 Million

Bridge Electric Corp.	Fixed Site Large Scale Imaging (FS-LSI) Facility Canadian Port of Entry Pacific Highway
Houle Electric Limited	Prince Rupert Airport Terminal Upgrade
Power Pros Electrical Ltd.	New B Innovation Manufacturing Facility

Electrical Contractors - \$2 Million to \$8 Million

F&M Installations Ltd.	BC Hydro Big Bend Substation – Burnaby
Houle Electric Limited	BC Hydro Nanaimo District Office
Protec Installations Group	The HUB located at King George Station Phase A: Coast Capital Savings

Electrical Contractors - Over \$8 Million

Houle Electric Limited	Joseph & Rosalie Segal Family Health Centre
Houle Electric Limited	North Island Hospital Project – Comox Valley
Houle Electric Limited	TFN - Tsawwassen Mills Mall

Manufacturer and Supplier

Garibaldi Glass Inc.	Pacific Centre Redevelopment Project
Ocean Concrete	The HUB located at King George Station Phase A: Coast Capital Savings
TC Thermenex Inc.	Langara Science & Technology Building

Heritage Award

This year, special recognition will be given to the Christ Church Cathedral Restoration & Renewal project. Recipients of this year's Heritage Award are:

- Deltec Electric Ltd.
- Kits Glass
- Scott Construction Group
- Solid Rock Steel Fabricating Company Ltd.
- Tek Roofing

Awards of Excellence

- Annually, the VRCA recognizes the construction industry's finest companies, projects and individuals from across British Columbia.
- In 2017 - Three Silver Award winners have been selected in 15 project categories.
- Silver winners selected on the basis of financial and non-financial criteria including their use of innovative techniques, new materials and/or exceptional project management.
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- Awards of Excellence Gala held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at the Vancouver Convention Centre West.

Important Dates

Wednesday, August 9, 2017	Event registration opens
Friday, August 11, 2017 (at 9am)	Outstanding Achievement Award and Life Membership nomination deadline
Wednesday, October 4, 2017	2017 Silver Award Winners Cocktail Reception hosted by MNP LLP
Wednesday October 25, 2017	29 th Awards of Excellence Gala