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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](http://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](http://www.chbavictoria.com) and [www.chbacvi.com](http://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	<b>Coast Capital Savings; McLaren Properties Ltd.; Terasen Gas</b>
Silver	<b>BC Housing; Berwick Retirement Communities; National Home Warranty Programs; Residential Construction Industry Training Organization; Travelers Guarantee Company of Canada; Victoria Real Estate Board</b>
Media	<b>Times Colonist; Western Living Magazine</b>
Bronze	<b>BC Hydro Power Smart; Built Green™ BC; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Canadian Western Bank; Georgie Awards®; Habitat for Humanity Victoria</b>

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](http://www.swiftsurewoodworkers.com)

**Best Project Website**

InSight Holdings Ltd. – Hawthorne Community Phase 1 & 2 - [www.hawthornehomes.ca](http://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.