

Local construction leaders celebrated at 2019 VICA Awards for building excellence

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Victoria, BC (May 1, 2019) – The Vancouver Island Construction Association is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 VICA Awards, which recognize the work its members do to build and regenerate our local communities: the universities, hospitals, historic sites, airports, and condominiums.

“We are proud to showcase and celebrate the contributions and achievements of VICA member companies with our inaugural awards,” says Rory Kulmala, CEO of the Vancouver Island Construction Association. “This year, we saw over 50 exceptional submissions. The 2019 VICA Award recipients have demonstrated their commitment to our industry and local communities by embracing quality, innovation, and client satisfaction.”

Among the recipients is Victoria-based Rob Tournour Masonry (RTM), who took home the VICA Member of the Year Award for their philanthropic efforts both locally and abroad. Another Brick in Nepal is one such initiative, which sees Rob travelling to Nepal with a small team to help the Nepalese rebuild schools after a devastating earthquake in 2015. RTM also supports local programs and clubs throughout the year.

“Rob Tournour Masonry strongly believes that it is our responsibility to support the arts, community sports teams and, for over 15 years, the Boys and Girls Club of Victoria,” says Rob Tournour, president of RTM. “We have also always believed in promoting the masonry trade and construction in general through our involvement with VICA and we are humbled and very proud to be the recipients of the first ever VICA Member of The Year award.”

The General Contractor Over \$10 Million was awarded to Kinetic Construction for Yello on Yates at 819 Yates Street in Victoria while the General Contractor Up To \$10 Million was awarded to Saywell Contracting for the Nuutsumuut Lelum (Nanaimo Passive House) project. The Trade Contractor Award was presented to Olde Country Masonry for the Union Club Building Renovation.

“As constructors, everything we do, the energy we expend, and the efforts we make, are converted into a physical entity that remains for many years to come,” says Tom Plumb, president of Kinetic Construction. “When we get the opportunity to help create a building that adds to the city, provides a great use, and is aesthetically pleasing, it is a further reward for us and it’s wonderful when it’s recognized by your peers and the community.”

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For a complete list of VICA Award recipients, please see page two and three or [click here](#) (includes finalists). To download photos of the award recipients/projects, visit: drive.google.com/drive/folders/vicaawardsgala

ABOUT VICA

The Vancouver Island Construction Association is a member-based, industry led association that serves the institutional, commercial, industrial, civil, and multi-family residential construction sectors across Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and other coastal areas of British Columbia. www.vicabc.ca

VICA MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Rob Tournour Masonry

The VICA Member of the Year Award recognizes outstanding achievement by a company in the construction industry. The nominated companies have made a significant contribution to VICA through years of continuous membership, involvement in various VICA committees, and/or involvement in VICA programs and events.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR – OVER \$10 MILLION AWARD

Kinetic Construction Ltd. | 819 Yates Street, Yello on Yates

GENERAL CONTRACTOR – UP TO \$10 MILLION AWARD

Saywell Contracting Ltd. | Nuutsumut Lelum (Nanaimo Passive House)

TRADE CONTRACTOR AWARD

Olde Country Masonry Ltd. | Union Club Building Renovation

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR AWARD

Houle Electric Ltd.

North Island Hospitals (Comox Valley Hospital); Victoria International Airport, HBS Recapitalization

MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR - OVER \$3 MILLION AWARD

Trotter & Morton Group of Companies | Vancouver Island University Health and Sciences Centre

MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR – UP TO \$3 MILLION AWARD

Erb Technical Contracting Ltd. | Brentwood College Foote Athletic Centre

MANUFACTURER & SUPPLIER AWARD

Longhouse Forest Products | Pacific Centre Family Service

Project-specific awards were evaluated based on key performance indicators such as financials, schedule, challenges overcome, safety records, innovation, and sustainability.

INNOVATION & PRODUCTIVITY AWARD

Houle Electric Ltd. | Construction Site Security Video Monitoring

The 2019 Innovation & Productivity Award recognizes a VICA member that has developed an innovative product or service that is having proven economic, environmental and/or social benefits.

OUTSTANDING WOMAN IN CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Kate Ulmer, Herold Engineering Ltd.

The 2019 Outstanding Woman in Construction Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution or positive impact to the construction industry. This award is presented to a member who is an ambassador for women in construction and has made contributions to the VICA and/or the community through volunteer work or business accomplishments.

U40 EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Daniel Behrens, Knappett Projects Inc.

The 2019 U40 Excellence in Construction Award recognizes an individual, under the age of 40, who has demonstrated the potential for leadership and is committed to the advancement of the construction industry. This award is presented to a member that has made a significant impact or contribution in the workplace, on a project, to VICA and/or the community through volunteer work or business accomplishments.

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sarah Jayne-Roe, Camosun College

The 2019 Education Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has volunteered a considerable amount of time in the role of advancement of education for the betterment of the construction industry.

SAFETY AWARDS

- Houle Electric Ltd.
- Cumberland Ready-Mix Ltd.
- K5 Contracting (Drilling & Blasting Contractor) Ltd.
- Casman Projects (BC) Inc.

The Safety Award is designed to honour those contractors who have maintained a superior safety record during the year. Awards are based on a contractor's claims experience record with the Workers' Compensation Board.

** The Safety Awards were not presented individually at the Gala.*