



The Inaugural BUILT GREEN™ BC AWARDS

BC KEEPS GETTING GREENER



Even the trophies were sustainable, using recycled glass and solid wood bases from storm-damaged Stanley Park trees.

Above: Lavish landscaping that incorporates recycled rainwater are just one of the environmental features at Green by Adera.

The ambiance was a blend of classy, cosy and cosmopolitan at the inaugural Built Green™ BC Awards that took place on Sept. 17 at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel in downtown Vancouver. Finalists came from across the province, bringing a diversity of design and vision that leaves no question the BC residential building industry is a leader in environment stewardship.

“The incredible group of recipients we are honouring this evening exemplify the best in sustainable construction,” said Bob Deeks, president of Canadian Home Builders’ Association of BC. “You are building more than homes, you are creating living environments that are well-built, well-designed, healthy and sustainable. These projects prove Green homes are achievable for all British Columbians.”

The evening’s big winner was Adera, which garnered three of the

seven awards including the big one: Built Green™ BC Builder of the Year. Green, their aptly named Burnaby low-rise condominium, was named both Most Sustainable Building Site and Most Energy Efficient and Sustainable Community.

“We know sustainable building practices are important to the families who purchase our homes,” says Eric Andreasen, Adera’s vice-president of marketing and sales. “Winning three of the inaugural Built Green™ BC Awards is extremely satisfying as it suggests that, as a company, Adera is accomplishing our goal to ensure the highest standards in sustainable design and triple bottom line efficiency. It also means our customers can feel proud knowing their homes are contributing to a healthier and better planet. It’s a win-win situation for everyone.”

Taking home the award for Most Innovative Built Green™ BC Home was Trillium Project Management’s spectacular conversion



Interiors are open, sunny, and distinctly 21st Century at The Schoolhouse by Trillium Project Management.



A true urban retreat, the Green Dream Home's master suite is elegant and inviting.



A heritage Vancouver schoolhouse attains new life as an eye-catching condominium renewal project by Trillium Project Management.

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project, The Schoolhouse. Located in Vancouver's Strathcona neighbourhood, this project was, according to Trillium principal David Hamilton, "an opportunity of a lifetime — a chance to push the envelope towards more sustainable design and green construction techniques, including changing the way people live and feel about the building process."

Rather than demolish an aging, 1930s schoolhouse, the building was raised and reinvented as five, three-level condominium homes with flex-space on the lower level for an art studio or other live/work space. Original beams, joists and siding were reclaimed and then married with the latest green technology, including geothermal radiant heat, solar hot water heating, rainwater collection, community gardens and communal deck space.

"Winning this award feels like a confirmation of our approach to embody green building rather than just meet a prescriptive checklist of items and requirements," says Erin Root, construction manager for the project. "Trillium is a young company with an extremely enthusiastic team, and this award makes me feel like there is absolutely a place for us to be significant contributors in Vancouver's goal of being the greenest city."

Like every good party, the evening also had a surprise — the Special Award for Visionary Achievement in Sustainable Construction. Heads nodded in agreement and immediate applause broke out when the Canadian Home Builders' Association of Central Interior's project, Green Dream Home, was named winner of this unexpected addition to the roster.

Built in partnership with Thompson Rivers University, this 3,000-sq.-ft., two-storey home is a showcase of cutting edge, green technology. Solar panels, insulated concrete form construction, geothermal heating system, motion light sensors, and a heat recovery ventilator are just some of the features that make this a net-zero home — when averaged out over a year, this house actually consumes no power off the city's hydro grid.

But the Green Dream Home is also more. In a word, it's beautiful. Featuring a charming English Country architecture, everything is meticulously planned for comfort. There's an expansive great room with water wall, an executive den, full basement with potential to be a mortgage helper, and an upper floor master suite with private covered deck and catwalk to an office loft. This is a home that proves, beyond doubt, Green is good looking and attainable.

The two final winners were Vancouver Island builders, NVH Homes for Most Affordable Built Green™ BC Home and Alpine Timberframe & Design for Highest Rated Built Green™ BC Home.

For more information about the winners of the Built Green™ BC Awards and the Built Green™ BC program, visit chbabc.org