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VRBA ANNOUNCES 2026 CARE AWARDS FINALISTS

VICTORIA – Finalists for the 2026 Construction Achievements and Renovations of Excellence (CARE) Awards of Vancouver Island were announced today by the Victoria Residential Builders Association (VRBA).

"Congratulations to the CARE Awards Finalists representing Canada's leaders in west coast home design and construction," says Brian Trenchard, Chair of the 2026 CARE Awards. "They continue the tradition of achieving building excellence for both new homes and renovations."

Gold winners will be announced Friday, September 25th at the CARE Awards gala in the Crystal Ballroom, Fairmont Empress Hotel.

The public will be asked to vote online for the winner of the annual *People's Choice Award* at careawards.ca. The Finalists' projects will also be on display at Hillside Centre from August 31st to September 13th. Voters are entered to win a stay at Long Beach Lodge Resort, the 2002 CARE Awards Project of the Year.

Finalists are selected by a panel of industry professionals using criteria such as architectural design, quality workmanship, creative use of space, and energy efficiency. The categories are Residential Planning Design & Construction; Interior Design; Commercial Planning & Design; Customer Service; Sales & Marketing; Special Achievement; and Special Interest.

"The CARE Awards is the premier industry event showcasing outstanding projects ranging from family communities to waterfront dream homes," says Casey Edge, VRBA Executive Director.

After the awards gala, the Gold winners will be displayed in a full-colour magazine distributed by the Times Colonist and available online at careawards.ca. VRBA appreciates the support and generosity of the 2026 CARE Awards sponsors:

Gold: Built Green Canada; Cantu Bathrooms and Hardware | Kartners; FortisBC; Hourigan's Flooring; Independent Businesses and Contractors Association; Ply Gem Canada; Slegg Building Materials; Trail Appliances; Travelers Insurance Company of Canada; Victoria Real Estate Board

Bronze: Coast Capital; Path Developments; Westeck Windows and Doors

Media: Times Colonist; Yellow Sheet Construction Data

2026 CARE Awards Finalists

Best New Single Family Detached Home under $800,000

Langdon Weir Construction, Victoria Design Group and Harbour City Kitchens - The Delilah at Latoria Terrace
Langdon Weir Construction, Victoria Design Group and Harbour City Kitchens - The Rusty at Latoria Terrace
Verity Construction and Victoria Design Group - Royal Bay-Temperate Place

Best Single Family Detached Home $800,000 - $1,200,000

Città Group - Arbutus Grove
White Wolf Homes and Spaciz Design Company - Ivory Ale
White Wolf Homes and Spaciz Design Company - Westwyn

Best Single Family Detached Home $1,200,000 - $1,500,000

Made to Last Custom Homes - The Crest
Stillwater Custom Homes and Renovations - Lakefront Modern
Villamar Construction - Cedar Point
Villamar Construction - Vista Point

Best Single Family Detached Home $1,500,000 - $1,600,000

Kowalyk Industries - The Valmere House
Philco Construction and Hoyt Design Co. - Nordic Rancher
Villamar Construction - Arbutus Ridge

Best Single Family Detached Home $1,600,000 - $2,000,000

Made to Last Custom Homes - Sevenfold
Made to Last Custom Homes - The Cove
Villamar Construction - Northwater

Best Single Family Detached Home $2,000,000 - $5,000,000

Interactive Construction - Inlet House
Philco Construction and Hoyt Design Co. - High Ground
Rannala Freeborn Construction - Thunderbird

Best Single Family Detached Home over $5,000,000

Città Group - Maria Diem
GT Mann Contracting - Arbutus Estate
GT Mann Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - The Oasis
M. Knight Construction and Jenny Martin Design - Harbour Stone

Best New Subdivision

Langdon Weir Construction, Victoria Design Group and Harbour City Kitchens - Latoria Terrace Ashmore Phase
White Wolf Homes and Spaciz Design Company - Aveline

Best Multi-Family / Townhouse Project under 4 units

Kahlon Developments - Boardwalk
Langdon Weir Construction, Victoria Design Group and Harbour City Kitchens - The Rupert Duplex at Latoria Terrace
Villamar Construction - Willow Lane

Best Multi-Family / Townhouse Project 4 or more units

Abstract Developments - Willow + Glen Phase 1
Kahlon Developments - The Peak
Path Developments - Producers Rowhomes
Verity Construction and Victoria Design Group - Dolomite Ridge, Townhouses at Westview
White Wolf Homes and Spaciz Design Company - Cedar & Stone

Best New Garden Suite / Accessory Building

Cosgrave Construction - Modern Mid Century
GT Mann Contracting - Arbutus Estate
M. Knight Construction and Jenny Martin Design - Harbour Stone

Best Outdoor Space under $500,000

Bowcey Construction - Oak Bay Revival
Made to Last Custom Homes - Sevenfold
Made to Last Custom Homes - The Cove

Best Outdoor Space over $500,000

GT Mann Contracting - Arbutus Estate
M. Knight Construction - Harbour Stone
Philco Construction and Hoyt Design Co. - Court Resort

Best New Home Design

Interactive Construction - Inlet House
M. Knight Construction - Harbour Stone
Made to Last Custom Homes - Sevenfold
Made to Last Custom Homes - The Cove

Best Innovative Feature

Città Group - Maria Diem
Città Group - Oceanside Landing
GT Mann Contracting - Arbutus Estate
GT Mann Contracting - The Lookout
White Wolf Homes and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Pacific Noir

Best Residential Renovation under $500,000

Oak Bay Construction - Harbourscape
MacMinn Contracting - Beach Bungalow
Shane Murray Contracting - A Hidden Gem Above

Best Residential Renovation over $500,000

Bowcey Construction - Oak Bay Revival
GT Mann Contracting - The Lookout
White Wolf Homes and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Pacific Noir

Best Traditional Kitchen

Jenny Martin Design and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Oxford House
Jenny Martin Design, Thomas Philips Woodworking and Hoyt Design Co. - Aurelia
M. Knight Construction and Jenny Martin Design - Harbour Stone
Villamar Construction and Harbour City Kitchens - Arbutus Ridge

Best Contemporary Kitchen under $50,000

Oak Bay Construction - Harbourscape
Villamar Construction - Vista Point
Villamar Construction and Harbour City Kitchens - Cedar Point
Villamar Construction and Harbour City Kitchens - Willow Lane

Best Contemporary Kitchen $50,000 - $100,000

MacMinn Contracting - Beach Bungalow
Made to Last Custom Homes - The Cove
Stillwater Custom Homes and Renovations - Wolf and Oak
Villamar Construction - Northwater

Best Contemporary Kitchen $100,000 - $200,000

Bowcey Construction - Oak Bay Revival
Shane Murray Contracting - A Hidden Gem Above
Stillwater Custom Homes and Renovations - Lakefront Modern

Best Contemporary Kitchen over $200,000

Città Group - Maria Diem
GT Mann Contracting - Arbutus Estate
GT Mann Contracting - The Looookout
GT Mann Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - The Oasis
Philco Construction, Hoyt Design Co. and Thomas Philips Woodworking - High Ground

Best Bathroom under $50,000

Oak Bay Construction - Harbourscape
Villamar Construction - Arbutus Ridge
Villamar Construction - Willow Lane

Best Bathroom over $50,000

Bowcey Construction - Oak Bay Revival
GT Mann Contracting - Arbutus Estate
Jenny Martin Design and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Oxford House
Jenny Martin Design, Thomas Philips Woodworking and Hoyt Design Co. - Aurelia
Stillwater Custom Homes and Renovations - Lakefront Modern

Best Primary Suite under $300,000

Città Group - Maria Diem
Shane Murray Contracting - A Hidden Gem Above
Villamar Construction - Cedar Point
Villamar Construction - Northwater

Best Primary Suite over $300,000

GT Mann Contracting - Arbutus Estate
GT Mann Contracting - The Lookout
GT Mann Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - The Oasis
M. Knight Construction and Jenny Martin Design - Harbour Stone
Made to Last Custom Homes - The Cove

Best Interior - Residential under $500,000

Interactive Construction - Inlet House
Oak Bay Construction - Harbourscape
Villamar Construction - Cedar Point
Villamar Construction - Northwater

Best Interior - Residential $500,000 - $1,000,000

Bowcey Construction - Oak Bay Revival
Jenny Martin Design and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Oxford House
Villamar Construction - Arbutus Ridge
White Wolf Homes and Thomas Philips Woodworking - Pacific Noir

Best Interior - Residential over $1,000,000

GT Mann Contracting and Spaciz Design Company - The Oasis
Jenny Martin Design, Thomas Philips Woodworking and Hoyt Design Co. - Aurelia
M. Knight Construction and Jenny Martin Design - Harbour Stone
Made to Last Custom Homes - The Cove

Best Custom Millwork under $100,000

Stillwater Custom Homes and Renovations - Lakefront Modern
Villamar Construction - Arbutus Ridge
Villamar Construction - Cedar Point
Villamar Construction - Northwater
Villamar Construction - Willow Lane

Best Custom Millwork $100,000 - $200,000

Jenny Martin Design, Thomas Philips Woodworking and Hoyt Design Co. - Aurelia
Made to Last Custom Homes - The Cove
Thomas Philips Woodworking and Jenny Martin Design - Oxford House
Villamar Construction - Vista Point
White Wolf Homes and Thomas Phililps Woodworking - Pacific Noir

Best Custom Millwork over $200,000

Città Group - Maria Diem
GT Mann Contracting and South Shore Cabinetry - Arbutus Estate
GT Mann Contracting, Spaciz Design Company and South Shore Cabinetry - The Oasis
M. Knight Construction and Jenny Martin Design - Harbour Stone

Best Condominium, Rental Project or Mixed-Use Development

Abstract Developments - Central Block
Città Group - Oceanside Landing
GT Mann Contracting - Tiller + Grace
Path Developments - Eliza
Verity Construction - Westview Apartments

Best Customer Service

Made to Last Custom Homes
Verity Construction

Best Sales Centre or Show Home/Suite

Abstract Developments - Central Block
Abstract Developments - Willow + Glen Phase 1
Verity Construction - Westview-Alabaster Court

Best Website

Città Group - Città Group
Path Developments - Royal Bay

Best Overall Marketing Campaign

Abstract Developments - Central Block
Abstract Developments - Willow + Glen Phase 1

Green Builder of the Year

Abstract Developments
Verity Construction

Project of the Year Multi-Family / Subdivision

Abstract Developments - Central Block
Abstract Developments - Willow + Glen Phase 1
White Wolf Homes - Aveline

Project of the Year - Single Family

GT Mann Contracting - Arbutus Estate
M. Knight Construction and Jenny Martin Design - Harbour Stone
Made to Last Custom Homes - The Cove

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