



News Release

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Campbell River's new water supply building recognized with design awards

The City's new water supply centre building, which houses a vital community service and showcases the natural environment surrounding its location, was recognized with two awards earlier this month.

The centre was awarded best civil building design at the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board's Commercial Building Awards ceremony in Courtenay April 4. On April 13, the centre received the Community Recognition Award from Wood WORKS! – a program of the Canadian Wood Council – for its support of the B.C. wood industry and its commitment to use wood. The centre was also a finalist in this spring's Association of Consulting Engineering Company BC awards for engineering excellence.

"We're very proud of the new water supply centre and are honoured to have it recognized as a standout piece of infrastructure," said Mayor Andy Adams. "This beautiful facility serves a vital purpose, and we want to thank everyone involved in the design, planning, building, coordination – and ongoing operation – of this facility that will provide clean, safe drinking water for decades to come."

A Wood First approach was used in the design and construction of the water supply facility, with trees felled on the property used on the interior of the building. The City of Campbell River specifically acknowledges the work of local artists Bill, Junior and Greg Henderson of the Wei Wai Kum First Nation for carving three totems and the intricately-designed front doors. The City also appreciates the commitment of BC Hydro and contractors Stantec Consulting and Knappett Projects Inc. to the success of this project.

The project included construction of a deep-water lake intake, the water supply centre building, pumping and disinfection systems, 3.5 kilometres of large diameter water transmission main along Highway 28 and Brewster Lake Road, and connection to the existing water distribution system at the bottom of General Hill. To see time-lapse photography of construction, and find more detailed information, visit www.campbellriver.ca/water-supply-centre

The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) is a not-for-profit, member-based association of approximately 1,000 REALTORS® who live and work in communities from the top of the Malahat to the northern tip of Vancouver Island. The Commercial Building Awards (CBAs) recognize outstanding workmanship and design in commercial buildings within the VIREB area.

Wood WORKS! is a Canadian Wood Council program that is industry led and intended to help increase the use of wood in non-residential, mid-rise and tall building markets in Canada.

Campbell River's water system distributes potable water for domestic, commercial and industrial use as well as fire protection via transmission and distribution watermains running throughout the community and to local First Nations and a portion of Strathcona Regional District Area D.

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