

ARE YOU LIVING IN AN AWARD WINNER?, 1



SFU community, homes recognized for 'innovations'

The UniverCity community atop Burnaby Mountain was among new home projects and communities taking the spotlight in an industry competition.

Home to 2,000 people currently and 10,000 eventually, UniverCity was judged the best entry in the "innovations in creating a livable and sustainable region" category.

Verdant, a new home project at UniverCity, was the recipient of two awards — in the "innovations... in more affordable housing" and the "innovations in more sustainable development" categories.

UniverCity is a Simon Fraser University undertaking. Verdant is a Vancity Enterprises project.

The judges were all members of the local development fraternity, industry and government. The organizer of the competition is the local chapter of the Urban Development Institute.

The importance of the awards to local developers and builders was identified in a statement from Gordon Harris of SFU Community Trust:

"... With the kind of exposure we receive from awards such as this, more and more people will consider UniverCity's spectacular views, and innovative sustainability features when they are looking for a quality home in a great community."

Another new community, Garrison Crossing in Chilliwack, was recognized as best "master-planned development." Randy Fasan of Canada Lands Co. thought the award a recognition of the "new urbanist and 'Smart Growth' principles" that have guided the company in its transformation of the former CFB Chilliwack into a residential neighbourhood.

Other award-winners include:

- The Melville, by Amaia, best "mixed use."
- Bowman Lofts, by the Salient Group, "revitalization, renovation or heritage."
- Pomaria, by the Qualex Landmark Group, best residential highrise.
- 1168 Richards, by the Townline Group, best mid-rise.
- Folio, by Intracorp, best low-rise.
- Bedford Landing — Cedarmill, by ParkLane Homes, best "ground-oriented" single family.
- Somerset, by Ledingham McAllister, best "ground-oriented" multi-family.
- Towne, by Mosaic, best "urban infill."

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THIS PAGE: Residential towers recognized in the Urban Development Institute competition were the Melville (top left) and Pomaria (top right). Lower-to-the-ground projects honoured were the Towne row houses (above left) and Bedford Landing single-family detached residences (above right).

The UniverCity community and the Verdant new home project there (below) received peer huzzahs.

NEXT PAGE: Other campus homes also impressed competition judges. Somerset (top left) and Folio (immediately below) are located on the University of B.C. campus.

The insertion of apartments into an Edwardian warehouse generated an honour for the Salient Group and its principal, Robert Fung (top right).

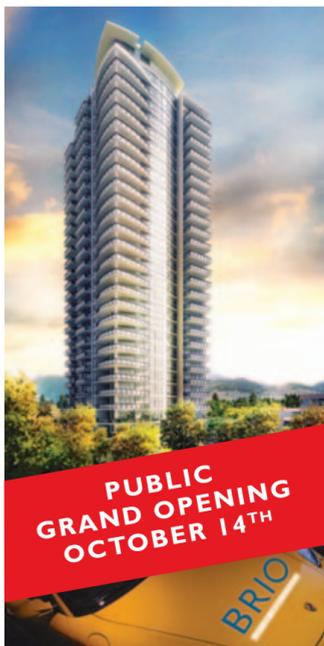
1168 Richards (bottom left) was best mid-rise; Garrison Crossing, best master-planned development.



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