



2009 CUI Brownie Awards recognizes Brownfield Projects that are “Going for Gold” across Canada

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October 27, 2009 Vancouver, British Columbia- This past Monday evening, awards were presented in seven categories at the 9th annual CUI Brownie Awards Ceremony & Dinner at the Westin Bayshore Hotel. **Todd Latham**, Publisher of ReNew Canada, was the Master of Ceremonies for the awards, which are held every year at the Canadian Brownfields Conference.

Dino Chiesa, Chairman of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, announced winners from five provinces across Canada, representing the national scope of the redevelopment and remediation of Canadian communities. The Chairman underlined the importance of the evening’s theme: *“Like gold medal-winning performances, brownfield developments are the result of years of dedication and hard work. And like Canadian athletes who we know will bring home gold this winter, brownfield projects create a legacy for future generations”*.

The CUI Brownie Awards are sponsored by [Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation \(CMHC\)](#), and are awarded annually to projects and programs that reflect leadership and innovation in brownfield redevelopment. The Brownie Awards jury was once again impressed with the high calibre of finalists’ projects, as well as their commitment to sustainable design, overall community revitalization and renewal of the public realm.

For the first time ever, a **Jury’s Choice Award** was awarded to **La Promenade Samuel-De Champlain** from Quebec, Quebec. This 2.5km promenade is an exemplary model of sustainability and has become one of the city’s cultural hubs.

Pearl District from Portland, Oregon won a **Special Recognition CUI Brownie** for the comprehensive revitalization of the Pearl District through the systematic redevelopment and realignment of brownfield sites to create a walkable, attractive downtown neighbourhood. Mr Lew Bowers was pleased to accept the award on behalf of Mayor Sam Adams.

Glen Murray, President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute was encouraged by the leading example brownfield redevelopers are setting, saying, *“you are the architects of our new Canada; you are the architects of our new cities”*.

Southeast False Creek, the outstanding Olympic project which is targeting LEED Gold certification on the neighbourhood scale, brought home the CUI Brownie Award for **Best Overall Project**.

Other winners included the **Collingwood Shipyards** project in Collingwood, Ontario for **Best Large-Scale Project**; and both **Somerset Square** from Saint John, New Brunswick and **Grey Bruce Health Unit** from Owen Sound, Ontario for **Best Small-Scale Project**. The award for **Brownfielder of the Year** went to **Tammy Lomas-Jylhä**, the VP of Sustainable Remediation and Brownfield Services at OCETA for her contribution to sustainable development on brownfield sites over the past decade.



Category-specific awards were awarded to the following projects:

- **Category 1 – Legislation, Policy and Program Development**
BC Brownfield Renewal Strategy, BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Victoria, British Columbia
- **Category 2 – Sustainable Remediation Technologies and Technological Innovation**
Sustainable Remediation of a Former Petroleum Products Depot, Golder Associates Ltd., Victoriaville, Quebec
- **Category 3 – Financing, Risk Management and Partnerships**
Redevelopment at Hamilton General Hospital, CH2M HILL, Hamilton, Ontario
- **Category 4 – Excellence in Project Development: Building Scale**
Manitoba Hydro Place, Manitoba Hydro, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- **Category 5 – Excellence in Project Development: Neighbourhood Scale**
E&N Roundhouse, Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects, Victoria, British Columbia
- **Category 6 – Communications, Marketing and Public Engagement (Joint Winners)**
Identification of Niagara's Top Brownfield Redevelopment Opportunities, Niagara Economic Development Corporation and Region of Niagara, Ontario

Redevelopment Framework for Former Service Stations in Ontario, OCETA with CPPI and Province of Ontario, Ontario
- **Category 7 – Individual Achievement**
Tammy Lomas-Jylhä

Best-in Class Awards

- **Best Small-Scale Project (Joint Winners)**
Grey Bruce Health Unit, Salter Pilon Architecture Inc., Owen Sound, Ontario

Somerset Square, Commercial Properties Limited, Saint-John, New Brunswick
- **Best Large-Scale Project**
Collingwood Shipyards, FRAM Building Group/CSL Equity Investments/Terraprobe Consulting Engineers, Collingwood, Ontario
- **Jury's Choice Award**
La Promenade Samuel-De Champlain, Commission de la Capitale Nationale du Quebec, Quebec, Quebec
- **Special Recognition Award**
Pearl District, City of Portland & the Portland Development Commission, Portland, Oregon
- **Best Overall Project**
Southeast False Creek, City of Vancouver, Vancouver, British Columbia

For more details on these projects and the other finalists, visit www.canadianbrownfields.ca/brownies or contact Glenn Miller, Vice President of Education and Research with the Canadian Urban Institute at 416 365 0816 ext 284.