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SMARTY AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

3rd annual awards to be presented on Friday April 18th at the Smart Growth BC Conference

Vancouver, BC – Smart Growth BC's 3rd annual *Smarty Awards* will be presented at a gala luncheon event at the 5th Annual Smart Growth BC Conference: "Making Smart Growth Happen: From Policy to Practice". The *Smarty Awards* are presented in recognition of excellence in leadership, planning, policy, development and engineering across BC. These awards are just one way to highlight outstanding achievements in the progression of smart growth in BC. Nominees include:

- One of the most energy efficient multi-unit residential developments in Canada, saving over 370 tonnes of green house gas emissions per year– or the equivalent of taking 72 cars off the road.
- A neighbourhood development featuring the first community transit pass program in Canada.
- A silver medal winner of the United Nation's International Awards for Liveable Communities -- the only North American finalist to be invited to the final stage of the competition.

This year Smart Growth BC offered four award categories: *Project–Large Community*; *Project – Small Community*; *People–Large Community* and; *People–Small Community*. The Awards jury was charged with making sure nominations contributed to propelling our communities towards completeness, enhanced environment, leadership and innovation. The nominations were then judged as to how well they contributed and adhered to all of the 10 principles of smart growth. The shortlisted finalists in each category are:

Project – Large Community

Newport Village > Bosa Development Corporation and Appia Development
UniverCity > SFU Community Trust
Verdant @ Univercity > Vancity Enterprises

Project – Small Community

Fewer than 3 nominees were shortlisted, therefore no finalists declared

People – Large Community

Deborah Curran > *Principle, Deborah Curran & Company*
Grasslands Conservation Council of BC
Heather Tremain > *CEO, reSource Rethinking Building Inc.*
Pivot Legal Society

People – Small Community

Cleopatra Corbett > *Manager of Development Services, Town of Golden*
Felice Mazzoni > *Director of Development Services, District of Ucluelet*
Whistler 2020 Community Task Forces

Smart Growth BC is a province wide non-governmental organization devoted to fiscally, socially, and environmentally responsible land use and development with a mandate to create more livable communities in British Columbia. **For more information**, to set up an interview with award winners, or to register for the conference please contact:

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