



GVHBA OVATION AWARDS 2019

Call For Entries Package



RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

OVERVIEW

The Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association (GVHBA) *Ovation Awards* is an annual awards program, which recognizes excellence in residential new-home construction, renovation and design in Metro Vancouver. This is an open competition to the members of the GVHBA.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Open to GVHBA members in good standing only.
- The primary company submitting the entry must be the GVHBA **Builder Company** (Builder, Renovator or Builder-Developer)
 - **NON-BUILDER ENTRANT EXCEPTIONS:** A Major Associate (Developers, Interior Designers, Designers, Architects, Marketing Companies, Land Developer) *or* Associate (Suppliers and Subtrades) may submit an entry, **ONLY** if these additional criteria are met:
 - The Major Associate/Associate and the Builder Company are both GVHBA members in good standing, for all categories, no exceptions.
 - All entry forms must include the Builder Company's information
 - For categories 34 – 37 (Best Outdoor Living and Best Landscaping), a landscaper can enter as a "Major Associate."
 - For category 45: Excellence in Building Science Innovation in Residential Construction, the sub-trade/supplier of the technology can enter as a "Major Associate."
- All entries must include signed Builder Authorization form, even if the builder is the entrant.
- All entries, where noted, must include signed Homeowner Authorization form (see specific categories).
- Renovation and new-home construction projects/phases built, renovated, developed, created and/or marketed within the period of **January 1, 2017 to January 21, 2019** are eligible for the 2019 GVHBA Ovation Awards. **EXCEPTION: Highrise developments have a three-year eligibility period (January 1, 2016 to January 21, 2019).**
- Project location may be outside of the Metro Vancouver area but must be within the province of British Columbia.
- Projects/phases entered into a past Ovation Awards are **ONLY** eligible to enter the 2019 Ovation Awards if submitted into different categories from those previously entered, regardless if the entry won or not. If a new phase is entered, it must have substantial differences from a previously entered phase.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

- Deadline for entries, all documentation and fees: **4 pm, Monday, January 21, 2019.**
- Access the online entry form: www.ovationawards.ca/call-for-entries.

ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENT

- Award Categories 1 - 47: \$250 + \$12.50 GST = **\$262.50 per entry.**
- Grand Ovation Awards (categories 48 - 51): \$400 + \$20 GST = **\$420 per entry.**
- Entry payment must be received on/before **4 pm, Monday, January 21, 2019** to be eligible for judging.

ENTRY PREPARATION

The online Ovation Awards Toolkit available at www.ovationawards.ca/call-for-entries includes downloadable forms, checklists, requirements, and a resource list of members who provide services to assist with award submissions.



TIP: *GVHBA strongly suggests having a back-up copy of your online entries for use in other marketing initiatives (and in the event you have a hiccup with your computer!)*

ONLINE ENTRY FORM

All entries are submitted online at www.ovationawards.ca/call-for-entries. The online entry form has instructions on how to use the system.

- **A unique ID** number is generated for each online entry. This number is to be used to label/identify any required supporting documentation (i.e. floorplans, images, authorization forms).
- **All entry materials must be anonymous, using only the unique ID number.** Inclusion of company names, logos, addresses or any type of identification anywhere on entry materials, other than on the entry and permission forms, will result in the entry being disqualified.



Double-check ALL submitted materials to ensure any company-identifying info is removed

Entrant and Project Information:

- Information provided on the entry form will be printed EXACTLY as submitted for news releases, promotions, publications, certificates and awards.
 - Take extra care to ensure all spelling is correct before submitting each entry.
 - Do not use UPPER CASE.
 - Ensure company name includes correct suffix (ie. Ltd., Inc.).
 - GVHBA will not make any corrections to an entry once it has been submitted.

Project Description:

- Text is limited to a **maximum of 300 words, except for the Grand Ovation Awards which allows up to 350 words.** Point form is strongly recommended.
- Text must answer category criteria.
- Text should correspond to images submitted.



Make sure you address each category's criteria to maximize eligible points.

Budgets: Categories that require project budgets have a designated area on the online entry form for you to complete. Some categories only require a budget total. Round totals to the nearest \$100.



Note: what is shown in the photos must be accounted for in the budget at fair market value (except decorative items, small appliances and furniture).

Photography credit (optional): Often requested by media, acknowledging your photographer(s) is now available in the online form. Although encouraged, photographer does not have to be a GVHBA member.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Authorization Forms: The signed *Builder Authorization Form* (all entries) and *Homeowner Authorization Form* (where required) **MUST** be uploaded to the online entry form.

Plans: Where requested, copies of the plans (floor, site and/or landscape, etc.) must be uploaded with entry.

Ensure the plans meet the following criteria:

- For all renovation categories, two separate plans (labeled “before” and “after” the renovation) must be submitted, (same scale and orientation.)
- Plans must be labelled using only the unique ID number.
- **No company identification (including logos) is allowed on plan(s), or entry will be disqualified.**

PHOTOGRAPH SUBMISSION CRITERIA

- Photographs are to be uploaded via the online entry form and labelled with your unique ID number.
- Refer to each award’s criteria for allowable number of images.
- Ensure your digital photos meet the below specifications or they will not be judged:
 - RESOLUTION: **300 dpi with a maximum file size of 5 MB**
 - FORMAT: Only high-resolution .jpg files are accepted.
 - ORIENTATION: Images may be vertical, horizontal or square in orientation.
 - COLOUR: Images must be in colour (black-and-white, grayscale or sepia images will not be judged).
 - Images may not include layers or borders/frames.
 - All images must be anonymous – do not include people, logos, signage or any identifying features in your images, unless specified in the category criteria.
 - Images may not be modified, enhanced or distorted in any way (other than to remove identifiable signage/people).
 - DO NOT submit renderings or photo collages.
 - Do not add text overlays on photos.
 - Images must be clear. Dusk/evening photography is permitted. NOTE: judges must be able to see home details must be viewable to accurately judge the entry.



GENERAL PHOTO TIPS:

Submitting a selection of photos that are both vertical and horizontal in orientation allows your projects to potentially be used more often for a variety of media requests (cover shots, double-page spreads.)

When submitting a single project into multiple categories, try to submit a variety of images between categories, to showcase additional project features and peak judges’ interest.

TIP FOR RENOVATION CATEGORIES: Before-and-after photos taken from the same view-point are helpful for judges to visually assess the changes.

HOW TO NAME YOUR PHOTO FILES (WITH EXAMPLE)

Based on the example below, the unique ID number '20_5555' has been generated for an entry submitted into Category 20. When labelling the images for this entry, after each unique ID number:

- Add the sequential number to indicate the order in which the photos will be shown.
- For renovations, add either "b" or "a" to identify "before" and "after" images
- Add "Choice" to ONE image (for renovations, one "before" *and* one "after" choice image).
 - **NOTE:** The identified *choice* photo will be used for promotional purposes, website, Gala, etc. if the entry is a finalist/winner.

EXAMPLE:

Submitting four images, two before and three after, for a renovation project:

20_5555_1_b_Choice.jpg
20_5555_2_a.jpg
20_5555_3_a_Choice.jpg
20_5555_4_a.jpg
20_5555_5_b.jpg

JUDGING

Each entry will be judged by a panel of distinguished judges from outside the Metro Vancouver area, selected for their expertise in their respective fields. **Judges' decisions are final.**

GVHBA and the Ovation Award judges reserve the right to:

- Cancel, combine and split any category due to numerous or insufficient number of entries or to better reflect the entered projects, without prior notice to entrants.
- Withdraw a category (declare no winner) if none of the entries meet minimum category requirements.
- Declare no winner in a category with one entry if the entry does not represent a winning submission, but may extend an "honourable mention" if the entry met minimum category requirements.
- Request additional information regarding any submission.
- Budgets will only be viewed by judges during designated judging days, if requested.
- Move an entry into another category if, in their opinion, it is more appropriate in another category, without notice to entrants. All judges must be in agreement before an entry is moved.
- Disqualify an entry if it does not meet the category criteria, entered in the wrong category, or provided information that is incomplete, falsified or inaccurate, without notice or compensation to the entrant. All judges must be in agreement before entry is disqualified.
- Disqualify an entry that displays company identifying information on submitted materials other than the unique ID number, unless where the specifically requested.
- Disqualify an entry if the member is not in good standing with GVHBA, without notice or compensation.

GVHBA OVATION AWARDS FINALISTS 'OIREE AND GALA

Finalist Reception:

Finalists will be announced at an exclusive Finalists 'Oiree on **Thursday, February 28, 2019**. **For each entry submitted, your company will receive one complimentary ticket** to this highly anticipated industry event. Tickets are limited to entrant and sponsor companies only.

Gala:

Ovation Award winners will be revealed at the GVHBA Ovation Awards Gala on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at JW Marriott's luxury park Vancouver Hotel. Tickets will be available starting February 2019 online at www.ovationawards.ca. You are encouraged to bring your team, clients and suppliers to the events. Make it a celebration for everyone!

NAMING OF FINALISTS/WINNERS

At the Finalists 'Oiree and Gala, only the GVHBA-member Builder Company and GVHBA-member Major Associates (developer, interior designer, architect, designer, and/or project marketing company) will be announced, receive a certificate and trophy and be mentioned in the media release. GVHBA-member Associates will receive a certificate and be listed on the GVHBA Ovation Awards website.

GET YOUR MAJOR ASSOCIATES/ASSOCIATES TO BECOME A MEMBER AND SHARE THE WIN! The GVHBA Ovation Awards only acknowledge companies that are GVHBA members in good standing, so if your key suppliers, subtrades and/or project associates are not members, encourage them to contact GVHBA for membership information. They may even support your entries and marketing opportunities!

PROMOTION OF OVATION AWARDS: FINALISTS AND WINNERS

- Winners/finalists of the Ovation Awards (and previously the reOVATION Awards) must use the GVHBA-supplied logo and specify the **year** in which it was awarded when promoting oneself.

AGREEING TO GVHBA OVATION AWARDS ENTRY RULES AND USAGE TERMS

- GVHBA reserves the right to use any or all of the entrants' materials, including submitted digital media, for the promotion of current or future GVHBA Ovation Awards, and other media opportunities, without prior notification to the entrants.
- By entering the Ovation Awards, the GVHBA member has acknowledged and agreed to the rules and terms set out in this document.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OVATION AWARDS?

Contact Wendy McNeil, VP of Marketing and Education (778-373-9781, wendy@gvhba.org).

DISCLAIMERS

- GVHBA reserves the right, at any time, to remove a member from the awards process or recognition, without compensation for any costs incurred in relation to entering the Ovation Awards, if their membership is in arrears in excess of 30 days, as they are no longer considered a member in good standing.
- It is important to the integrity of the GVHBA, Ovation Awards, and the residential construction industry that all entrants conduct themselves in such a manner as to demonstrate good business practices. If it can be proven at any time leading up to, and after, the final awarding of the Ovation Awards that a member is conducting business practices that are detrimental to the integrity of GVHBA, the awards or the industry, that participant will be disqualified and will not be compensated for any costs incurred in relation to entering the Ovation Awards.
- Any current or past finalist/winner who is not in good standing due to any violation of GVHBA's bylaws and policies, may have their company and corresponding projects removed from all past and future Ovation Awards materials, such as the website, and be banned from any future participation and association with the program, unless reinstated as a member in good standing as per the aforementioned GVHBA bylaws and policies.
- Disciplinary action will be taken if any member purposely advertises the awards incorrectly.
- GVHBA is not responsible for incorrect entry information, photos and supporting information due an entrant's error.
- Decisions made by GVHBA and the Ovation Awards judges are final and binding.

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CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

Renovation Categories:

1. Best Kitchen Renovation: Under \$75,000
2. Best Kitchen Renovation: \$75,000 - \$125,000
3. Best Kitchen Renovation: Over \$125,000
4. Best Kitchen and Greatroom Renovation
5. Best Bathroom Renovation: Under \$35,000
6. Best Bathroom Renovation: \$35,000 and over
7. Best Renovated Room
8. Best Exterior Renovation
9. Best Townhouse/Condominium Renovation: Under \$300,000
10. Best Townhouse/Condominium Renovation: \$300,000 and over
11. Best Renovation: Under \$200,000
12. Best Renovation: \$200,000 - \$399,999
13. Best Renovation: \$400,000 - \$699,999
14. Best Renovation: \$700,000 - \$1 million
15. Best Renovation: Over \$1 million

New Home Categories:

16. Best New Small-Scale Home
17. Best Custom Home: Under \$1 million
18. Best Custom Home: \$1 million – Under \$2 million
19. Best Custom Home: \$2 million – Under \$3 million
20. Best Custom Home: Over \$3 million
21. Best Small In-Fill Development
22. Best Single-Family Detached Home: Less than 2,400 s.f.
23. Best Single-Family Detached Home: 2,400 s.f. and over
24. Best Townhouse/Rowhome Development (Production):
Less than 1,500 s.f.
25. Best Townhouse/Rowhome Development (Production):
1,500 s.f. and over
26. Best Multi-Family Lowrise Development
27. Best Multi-Family Highrise Development
28. Best Residential Community: Single-Family
29. Best Residential Community: Multi-Family

Design Categories:

30. Best New Kitchen: Under \$50,000
31. Best New Kitchen: \$50,000 - \$99,999
32. Best New Kitchen: \$100,000 and over
33. Best Room: New Construction
34. Best Outdoor Living Space: Single-Family Production or Multi-Family
35. Best Outdoor Living Space: Custom or Renovated
36. Best Landscaping: Single-Family Production or Multi-Family
37. Best Landscaping: Custom or Renovated
38. Best Special Feature: New or Renovated
39. Best Interior Design Display Suite: Multi-Family Home
40. Best Interior Design Display Home: Single-Family Home
41. Best Interior Design Custom Residence: New or Renovated

Special Achievement Awards:

42. Best Marketing Campaign
43. Best High-Performance Building: New or Renovated
44. Best High-Performance Building: Net Zero/Passive House Certified,
New or Renovated
45. Excellence in Building Science in Residential Construction
46. BC Housing Award for Excellence in Innovative Housing Choices
47. FortisBC Award for Excellence in Energy Efficiency in New Residential
Construction

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48. Residential Renovator of the Year
49. Custom Home Builder of the Year
50. Single-Family Home Builder of the Year
51. Multi-Family Home Builder of the Year

RENOVATION CATEGORIES: 1 – 15

CATEGORIES 1 – 3: BEST KITCHEN RENOVATION

CATEGORY 1: BEST KITCHEN RENOVATION: UNDER \$75,000

CATEGORY 2: BEST KITCHEN RENOVATION: \$75,000 - \$125,000

CATEGORY 3: BEST KITCHEN RENOVATION: OVER \$125,000

NOTE: A kitchen renovation cannot be entered into another category (e.g. Best Renovated Room) unless it is entered as part of a larger project (e.g. the whole home is entered into Best Renovation category). If you enter a kitchen into categories 1 – 3, you **cannot** enter the same kitchen in category 4: *Best Kitchen and Greatroom Renovation* as it is also a kitchen category.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Categories 1 – 3 inclusive)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Purpose of renovation and achievement of clients' renovation needs
- b. Compatibility with existing/new structure
- c. Functionality and efficient use of space
- d. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Categories 1 – 3 inclusive)

- Homeowner Authorization form.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit up to 10 photos (must include minimum two "before" photos).
- Submit kitchen floorplans (before and after,) clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number, "before" and "after" on the appropriate floorplans, being sure to remove all company identification.

To determine the value of the project: The total cost for the renovation, including design and consultant fees, materials, labour and appliances, excluding taxes. The value is also to include any costs incurred by the client or subtrades to complete the renovation (e.g. purchases and labour), with your company's standard mark-up fee.

CATEGORY 4: BEST KITCHEN AND GREATROOM RENOVATION

Best Kitchen and Greatroom Renovation is a renovation which includes a kitchen and greatroom, and is considered a kitchen category. If you enter a project in this category, you cannot enter the same project in categories 1 – 3.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 4)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Purpose of renovation and achievement of clients' renovation needs
- b. Compatibility with existing/new structure
- c. Functionality and efficient use of space
- d. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Category 4)

- Homeowner Authorization form.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit up to 10 photos (must include minimum two “before” photos).
- Submit kitchen and greatroom floorplans (before and after,) clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number and “before” and “after” on the appropriate floorplans. All company identification must be removed.

To determine the value of the project: The total cost for the renovation, including design and consultant fees, materials, labour and appliances, excluding taxes. The value is also to include any costs incurred by the client or subtrades to complete the renovation (e.g. purchases and labour), with your company's standard mark-up fee.

CATEGORIES 5 AND 6: BEST BATHROOM RENOVATION

CATEGORY 5: BEST BATHROOM RENOVATION: UNDER \$35,000

CATEGORY 6: BEST BATHROOM RENOVATION: \$35,000 AND OVER

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Categories 5 and 6)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Purpose of renovation and achievement of clients' renovation needs
- b. Compatibility with existing/new structure
- c. Functionality and efficient use of space
- d. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Categories 5 and 6)

- Homeowner Authorization form.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit up to 10 photos (must include minimum two "before" photos).
- Submit the floorplans (before and after,) clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number and "before" and "after" on the appropriate floorplans. All company identification must be removed.

To determine the value of the project: The total cost for the renovation, including design fees and appliances, excluding taxes. This is also to include any costs incurred by the client or subtrades to complete the renovation (e.g. purchases and labour), with your company's standard mark-up fee.

CATEGORY 7: BEST RENOVATED ROOM

Best Renovated Room is defined as any renovated space not covered by other categories. Examples of acceptable rooms: wine rooms, media room, home office, in-home gym, attic, hallway, staircase landing, and basement (as one room; not suited), master suite, etc. Not kitchen, greatroom or bathroom, as these have separate categories.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 7)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Purpose of renovation and achievement of clients' renovation needs
- b. Compatibility with existing/new structure
- c. Functionality and efficient use of space
- d. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Category 7)

- Homeowner Authorization form.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit up to 10 photos (must include minimum two "before" photos).
- Submit the room floorplans (before and after,) clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number and "before" and "after" on the appropriate floorplans. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 8: BEST EXTERIOR RENOVATION

Best Exterior Renovation is defined as an exterior renovation, which may include, but not limited to, structural changes (rooflines, additions, changed entry, landscaping, etc.) and enhanced curb appeal.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 8)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Purpose of renovation and achievement of clients' renovation needs
- b. Careful and innovative detailing
- c. Selection and use of materials
- d. Unique design and enhanced curb appeal
- e. Construction details, i.e. wall assembly techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Category 8)

- Homeowner Authorization form.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit up to 10 photos (must include minimum two "before" photos).
- Submit the site plan, elevations and floorplans (before and after,) clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number and "before" and "after" on the appropriate floorplans. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 9 AND 10: BEST TOWNHOUSE/CONDOMINIUM RENOVATION

Best Townhouse/Condominium Renovation is defined as a renovation of a multi-family home, which includes low- and high-rise condominiums, townhomes and rowhomes (stratified and non-stratified homes).

CATEGORY 9: BEST TOWNHOUSE/CONDOMINIUM RENOVATION: UNDER \$300,000

CATEGORY 10: BEST TOWNHOUSE/CONDOMINIUM RENOVATION: \$300,000 AND OVER

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 60 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 9 and 10)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Purpose of renovation and achievement of clients' renovation needs
- b. Careful and innovative detailing
- c. Creativity in design and details
- d. Functionality and efficient use of space, taking into consideration strata-imposed limitations
- e. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health), taking into consideration strata-imposed limitations
- f. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Category 9 and 10)

- Homeowner Authorization form.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include minimum two "before" photos).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit the floorplan (before and after,) clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number and "before" and "after" on the appropriate floorplans. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORIES 11 - 15: BEST RENOVATION

Best Renovation is defined as a whole-house renovation or substantially renovated home, and includes all single- or multi-family home types.

CATEGORY 11: BEST RENOVATION: UNDER \$200,000

CATEGORY 12: BEST RENOVATION: \$200,000 - \$399,999

CATEGORY 13: BEST RENOVATION: \$400,000 - \$699,999

CATEGORY 14: BEST RENOVATION: \$700,000 - \$1 MILLION

CATEGORY 15: BEST RENOVATION: OVER \$1 MILLION

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Categories 11 – 15 inclusive)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Purpose of renovation and achievement of clients' renovation needs
- b. Functionality and efficient use of space
- c. Creativity in design and details
- d. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Categories 11 – 15 inclusive)

- Homeowner Authorization form.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include minimum two “before” photos).
- Submit the site plan and floorplans (before and after,) clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number and “before” and “after” on the appropriate floorplans. All company identification must be removed.

To determine the value of the project: The total cost for the renovation, including design fees and appliances, excluding taxes. This is also to include any costs incurred by the client or subtrades to complete the renovation (e.g. purchases and labour), with your company's standard mark-up fee.

NEW-HOME CATEGORIES: 16 – 29

CATEGORIES 16: BEST NEW SMALL-SCALE HOME

A *Small-Scale Home* is defined as a secondary livable dwelling on a single lot (ie carriage house, laneway home). New construction.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 16)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Achievement of clients' needs (use of space, floorplan, flow, functionality; may include any challenges faced during the building process and how the builder overcame them)
- b. Architectural integration/compatibility with surroundings
- c. Innovative design and use of materials (interior and exterior)
- d. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Category 16)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a home built on speculation.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Provide a budget of the home.
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include one exterior photo)
- Submit the site plan and floorplans, clearly labeled with Ovation Awards unique ID number. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORIES 17 – 20: BEST CUSTOM HOME

A *Custom Home* is a one-of-a-kind home built on a single lot. Also includes new forms of housing, including laneway homes. Built for a specific customer or on speculation.

CATEGORY 17: BEST CUSTOM HOME: UNDER \$1 MILLION

CATEGORY 18: BEST CUSTOM HOME: \$1 MILLION – UNDER \$2 MILLION

CATEGORY 19: BEST CUSTOM HOME: \$2 MILLION – UNDER \$3 MILLION

CATEGORY 20: BEST CUSTOM HOME: OVER \$3 MILLION*

***NOTE:** Judges may choose to split this category, in the event a wide discrepancy (based on value) of homes is submitted.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Categories 17 – 20 inclusive)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Architectural integration/compatibility with surroundings
- b. Innovative design and use of materials (interior and exterior)
- c. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- d. Achievement of clients' needs (use of space, floorplan, flow, functionality; may include any challenges faced during the building process and how the builder overcame them)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Categories 17 – 20 inclusive)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Provide a budget of the home.
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include one exterior photo)
- Submit the site plan and floorplans, clearly labeled with Ovation Awards unique ID number. All company identification must be removed.

To determine the cost of the home: The total cost for the home includes the basement, excludes land, accessory (detached) buildings and taxes.

CATEGORY 21: BEST SMALL IN-FILL DEVELOPMENT

This category recognizes in-fill project lots (six units or less) increasing site density, with each unit having a separate entrance.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 21)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Achievement of target market's preferences
- b. Creative use of space and functionality of floorplan
- c. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- d. Architectural aesthetic, innovative design and use of materials (interior and exterior)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices (may include any challenges faced during the building process and how the builder overcame them)

Requirements (Category 21)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Provide a budget for the homes.
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include one exterior photo)
- Submit the site plan and floorplans, clearly labeled with Ovation Awards unique ID number. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORIES 22 AND 23: PRODUCTION HOMES – BEST SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED HOME

A *Production Home - Single-Family Detached Home* is defined as single-family detached home models, built on a repetitive basis and offered for sale on speculation.

***NOTE:** In the event of multiple project phases, to re-enter additional project phases, there must be notable, significant differences from prior phases entered. In addition, a showhome in a development can only be entered once, even if the same showhome is used to sell more than one phase.

**Tip: If you are entering a multi-phase development, consider entering one showhome per year (rather than all at once), to utilize your opportunities to enter the development into future Ovation Awards.*

CATEGORY 22: BEST SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED HOME: LESS THAN 2,400 S.F.

CATEGORY 23: BEST SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED HOME: 2,400 S.F. AND OVER

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Categories 22 and 23)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Achievement of target market's preferences
- b. Creative use of space and functionality of floorplan
- c. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- d. Architectural aesthetic, innovative design and use of materials (interior and exterior)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Categories 22 and 23 inclusive)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Provide current selling price for home(s).
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include one exterior and one streetscape photo).
- Submit the site plan and floorplans clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number and square footage specified on the floorplan. All company identification must be removed.

To determine the square footage of the home: The total square footage of the home includes above-ground only (main and upper floor), excluding land, unfinished basement* and garage.

**Exception: A finished basement that is sold as a standard feature of the home should be included in the price, square footage and shown in the images.*

CATEGORIES 24 and 25: BEST TOWNHOUSE/ROWHOME DEVELOPMENT (PRODUCTION)

A *Townhouse/Rowhome Development (Production)* defined as a ground-oriented project in which each unit has a separate entrance, and is more than six units.

***NOTE:** In the event of multiple project phases, to re-enter additional project phases, there must be notable, significant differences from prior phases entered. In addition, a showhome in a development can only be entered once, even if the same showhome is used to sell more than one phase.

Entrants may enter the same development into both categories if it has units that meet the size requirements. Photos, floorplans and descriptions must be of a unit that falls within the category's s.f. requirement.

**Tip: If you are entering a multi-phase development, consider entering one showhome per year (rather than all at once), to utilize your opportunities to enter the development into future Ovation Awards.*

CATEGORY 24: BEST TOWNHOUSE/ROWHOME DEVELOPMENT: LESS THAN 1,500 S.F.

CATEGORY 25: BEST TOWNHOUSE/ROWHOME DEVELOPMENT: 1,500 S.F. AND OVER

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Categories 24 and 25)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Achievement of target market's preferences
- b. Creative use of space and functionality of floorplan
- c. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- d. Architectural aesthetic, innovative design and use of materials (interior and exterior)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Categories 24 and 25)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Provide current selling price/price range for home(s).
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include one exterior photo).
- Submit the site plan and floorplans clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number and square footage specified on the floorplan. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 26: BEST MULTI-FAMILY LOWRISE DEVELOPMENT

Multi-Family Lowrise is six storeys or less with a common entrance servicing all units.

***NOTE:** In the event of multiple project phases, to re-enter additional project phases, there must be notable, significant differences from prior phases entered. In addition, a showhome in a development can only be entered once, even if the same showhome is used to sell more than one phase.

**Tip: If you are entering a multi-phase development, consider entering one showsuite per year (rather than all at once), to utilize your opportunities to enter the development into future Ovation Awards.*

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 26)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Achievement of target market's preferences
- b. Creative use of space and functionality of floorplan
- c. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- d. Architectural aesthetic, innovative design and use of materials (interior and exterior)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices (include solutions to enhance homeowners' enjoyment of home in a densified living environment)

Requirements (Category 26)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Provide current selling price/price range for home(s).
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include one exterior of building).
- Submit the site plan and floorplans clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number and square footage specified on the floorplan. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 27: BEST MULTI-FAMILY HIGHRISE DEVELOPMENT

Multi-Family Highrise is more than six storeys with a common entrance servicing all units.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 60 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 27)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Achievement of target market's design preferences
- b. Creative use of space and functionality of floorplan
- c. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- d. Architectural aesthetic, innovative design and use of materials (interior and exterior)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices (include solutions to enhance homeowners' enjoyment of home in a densified living environment)
- f. Amenities to enhance homeowners' lifestyle

Requirements (Category 27)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Provide current selling price/price range for home(s).
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include one exterior of building).
- Submit the site plan and floorplans clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number and square footage specified on the floorplan. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 28: BEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY: SINGLE-FAMILY

Best Residential Community: Single-Family considers the single-family development within its surrounding community, the value the development has added to the neighbourhood, and the homeowners' accessibility to local amenities and transportation.

NOTE: A residential community can only be entered once in this category, regardless of the number of development phases and years to complete.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 40 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 28)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Appeal to the target market(s)
- b. How the development integrates and enhances value to the surrounding community (ease of accessibility to transit, walkability score)
- c. Streetscape and community landscaping, amenities
- d. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Category 28)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Provide current selling price (range) for home(s).
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include the following two photos: one streetscape/exterior of home and, one of the development's amenities/common areas).
- Submit the site/community plan clearly labeled with Ovation Awards unique ID number. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 29: BEST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY: MULTI-FAMILY

Best Residential Community: Multi-Family considers the multi-family development (townhouse/rowhome, low- or highrise development) within its surrounding community, the value the development has added to the neighbourhood, and the homeowners' accessibility to local amenities, transportation.

NOTE: A residential community can only be entered once in this category, regardless of the number of development phases and years to complete.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 40 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 29)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Appeal to the target market(s)
- b. How the development integrates and enhances value to the surrounding community (ease of accessibility to transit, walkability score)
- c. Streetscape and community landscaping, amenities
- d. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices

Requirements (Category 29)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Provide current selling price (range) for home(s).
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include the following photos: one streetscape, exterior of building/unit; and, one of the project amenities/common areas).
- Submit site/community plan clearly labeled with Ovation Awards unique ID number. All company identification must be removed.

DESIGN CATEGORIES: 30-41

CATEGORIES 30 - 32: BEST NEW KITCHEN

Best New Kitchen is defined as a kitchen in a new home, regardless of the type of home (multi-family, single-family or custom). Excludes kitchens in renovated homes.

CATEGORY 30: BEST NEW KITCHEN: UNDER \$50,000

CATEGORY 31: BEST NEW KITCHEN: \$50,000 - \$99,999

CATEGORY 32: BEST NEW KITCHEN: \$100,000 AND OVER

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Categories 30 - 32)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Functionality and efficient use of space
- b. Creativity in design and details
- c. Selection and use of materials
- d. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- e. Successful implementation of design using construction best practices

Requirements (Categories 30 - 32)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a production/speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit up to 10 photos.
- Submit the kitchen floorplan clearly labeled with Ovation Awards unique ID number. All company identification must be removed.

To determine the value of the project: Total cost for kitchen, including lighting, cabinetry, appliances, square-footage cost of the kitchen footprint, structure/framing, special/unique features, ceilings, but excluding small appliances, decorative items and taxes.

CATEGORY 33: BEST ROOM: NEW CONSTRUCTION

Best Room: New Construction is any room or space in a new home (production or custom) such as a master bedroom, bathroom, foyer, hallway, entertainment room, exercise room, wine room, etc.

NOTE: It **CANNOT** be a kitchen as there are kitchen categories for new construction (categories 30 – 32)

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 33)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Functionality and efficient use of space
- b. Creativity in design and details
- c. Selection and use of materials
- d. Environmental considerations and features (energy efficiency, comfort and health)
- e. Successful implementation of design using construction best practices

Requirements (Category 33)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a production/speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit up to 10 photos.
- Submit the floorplan labeled with Ovation Awards entry ID number. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 34:

BEST NEW OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE: SINGLE-FAMILY PRODUCTION OR MULTI-FAMILY

Best Outdoor Living Space: Single-Family Production or Multi-Family: The focus of this category is to showcase the use and enjoyment of an exterior space that may or may not be a direct extension of the interior space. Hard landscaping such as pools, decks, hot tub, outdoor cooking, fireplace, entertaining spaces, and outdoor common/amenity areas are appropriate inclusions.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 40 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 34)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Functionality, efficiency and flow of outdoor living space
- b. Creative design features
- c. Environmental considerations and features (addresses the climatic conditions, exposure and limitations)
- d. Successful implementation of design using construction best practices

Requirements (Category 34)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit up to 10 photos.
- Submit the floorplan and/or landscape plan labeled with Ovation Awards entry ID number. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 35: BEST OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE: CUSTOM OR RENOVATED

Best Outdoor Living Space: Custom or Renovated is defined as the creation of an outdoor space for a renovation or custom-built home. The focus of this category is to showcase the use and enjoyment of an exterior space that may or may not be a direct extension of the interior space. Hard landscaping such as pools, decks, hot tub, outdoor cooking, fireplace, and entertaining spaces are appropriate inclusions.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 40 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 35)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Functionality, efficiency and flow of outdoor living
- b. Creative design features
- c. Environmental considerations and features (addresses the climatic conditions, exposure and limitations)
- d. Successful implementation of design using construction best practices

Requirements (Category 35)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a custom-spec home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Complete online budget form.
- Submit up to 10 photos (renovations have the option of including up to two “before” photos, which are included as part of the 10 photo total)
- Submit the floorplan and/or landscape plan labeled with Ovation Awards entry ID number and renovated spaces must include “before” and “after” plans (and must be labeled). All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 36: BEST LANDSCAPING: SINGLE-FAMILY PRODUCTION OR MULTI-FAMILY

Landscaping for single-family production homes and in common areas of multi-family developments. May include hard and soft landscaping.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 30 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 36)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Success of landscaping as a compliment to the development
- b. Selection and placement of materials in the landscaping
- c. Sensitivity to inherent environmental and climatic conditions

Requirements (Category 36)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 10 photos.
- Total cost of the landscaping on the online form.
- Submit the landscape plan labeled with Ovation Awards entry ID number. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 37: BEST LANDSCAPING: CUSTOM OR RENOVATED

Landscaping for custom-built and renovated homes. Focus is on landscaping (hard and soft), and the finished project. For renovations, “before” pictures are not required but are accepted.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 30 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 37)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Success of landscaping as a compliment to the project
- b. Selection and placement of materials in the landscaping
- c. Sensitivity to inherent environmental and climatic conditions

Requirements (Category 37)

- Homeowner Authorization Form
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 10 photos (renovations have the option of including up to two “before” photos, which are included in the requested total of 10 photos, i.e. eight “after” plus two “before” photos)
- Total cost of the landscaping on the online form.
- Submit the landscape plan labeled with Ovation Awards entry ID number. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 38: BEST SPECIAL FEATURE: NEW OR RENOVATED

Best Special Feature is defined as any special **aspect/feature/detail** of a room or home not covered by other categories. It can be an interior or exterior feature, i.e. fireplace, window-trim details, ceiling details, staircase, tiling, custom millwork, etc.

Note: A wine room is not a special feature and should instead be entered in the Best Room categories. A unique feature wall or bottle suspension system in that wine room, however, would be considered a special feature.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 38)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Explanation of why the feature is special/unique
- b. Selection and use of materials
- c. Innovative detailing
- d. Unique design of the special feature (or use of space)
- e. Successful implementation of design using construction best practices

Requirements (Category 38)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a production/speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 10 photos (renovated features only need to show the “after” photo.)
- Total cost for special feature.
- Submit the feature details and room floorplan (only “after” plans are required for renovations) clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards entry ID number. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 39: BEST INTERIOR DESIGN DISPLAY SUITE: MULTI-FAMILY HOME

Best Interior Design Display Suite: Multi-Family Home is defined as the interior design of a display suite of a new townhouse, rowhome, lowrise or highrise condominium project.

NOTE: A display suite can only be entered once, even if used to sell subsequent phases of a development.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 39)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Functionality and efficient use of space
- b. Explanation of the design philosophy and the intended homebuyer experience when visiting the project's display suite
- c. Explanation of how the design appeals to the identified target market, including selection of materials, colours, furniture and accessories
- d. Creativity in design and materials used
- e. Design includes consideration of construction best practices

Requirements (Category 39)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 12 photos.
- Total cost for display suite.
- Submit copy of the floorplans. Plans must be clearly labeled with Ovation Awards unique ID number. All company identification must be removed.

To determine the value of the project: Include non-construction costs, including designer fee, design finishes (painting, additional designer millwork - ie optional mantelpiece, upgraded flooring), and design products/furnishings (hard and soft furnishings – furniture, décor pieces, mirrors, rugs, accent lighting, etc).

CATEGORY 40: BEST INTERIOR DESIGN DISPLAY HOME: SINGLE-FAMILY HOME

Best Interior Design Showhome is defined as the interior design of a display showhome of a new single-family home.

NOTE: A display home can only be entered once, even if used to sell subsequent phases of a development.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 40)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Functionality and efficient use of space
- b. Explanation of the design philosophy and the intended homebuyer experience when visiting the project's display home
- c. Explanation of how the design appeals to the identified target market, including selection of materials, colours, furniture and accessories
- d. Creativity in design and materials used
- e. Design includes consideration of construction best practices

Requirements (Category 40)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the online entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 12 photos.
- Total cost for display home.
- Submit the floorplans clearly labeled with Ovation Awards unique ID number. All company identification must be removed.

To determine the value of the project: Include non-construction costs, including designer fee, design finishes (painting, additional designer millwork - ie optional mantelpiece, upgraded flooring), and design products/furnishings (hard and soft furnishings – furniture, décor pieces, mirrors, rugs, accent lighting, etc).

CATEGORY 41: BEST INTERIOR DESIGN CUSTOM RESIDENCE: NEW OR RENOVATED

Best Interior Design Custom Residence is defined as the interior design of a renovated or new custom home.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 41)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Functionality and efficient use of space
- b. Creativity in design and details
- c. Selection of materials
- d. How the interior design meets the needs, preferences and lifestyle of the client
- e. Design includes consideration of construction best practices

Requirements (Category 41)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 12 photos (renovations must include min. one “before” photo).
- Total cost for interior of the home.
- Submit the floorplan (if renovated, submit before and after floorplans) clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards entry ID number. All company identification must be removed.

To determine the value of the project: Include non-construction costs, including designer fee, design finishes (painting, additional designer millwork - ie optional mantelpiece, upgraded flooring), and design products/furnishings (hard and soft furnishings – furniture, décor pieces, mirrors, rugs, accent lighting, etc).

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES: 42 – 47

CATEGORY 42: BEST MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Marketing Campaign is defined by the incorporation of different marketing components (marketing/sales staff, website, design, online initiatives, media advertising, display centres/homes, brochures, logo, etc.) to achieve marketing/sales objectives (sales, brand awareness, customer feedback). **Submitted photos are permitted to show project identification but NOT company/entrant identification.**

NOTE: In this category, the GVHBA-member associate may be the entrant, and the builder/renovator/developer of the home/project MUST also be a GVHBA member, have provided written permission to the associate to enter the project into the award, and be mentioned in the entry form. No exceptions.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 42)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Campaign objectives, schedule and timeline, and measured results
- b. Target audience appeal and campaign engagement strategies
- c. Effectiveness of the campaign message through concept and design
- d. Marketing tools utilized in this campaign (technology, website, brochures, social media, etc.)
- e. Uniqueness and ability to 'stand out' amongst competing campaigns

Requirements (Category 42)

- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Total cost for the campaign (submit in online form) – must include all costs related to campaign, as outlined in the category definition.
- Submit up to 12 photos.
- Submit a marketing specific campaign budget (exclude company overhead, taxes).

CATEGORY 43: HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDING: NEW OR RENOVATED

The *High-Performance Building* category recognizes a new or renovated home/development/community that demonstrates a commitment to build beyond the basic building code, to reduce one's environmental impact through the incorporation of innovative technologies, sustainable materials, and utilization of best construction practices.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 43)

Entry will be judged on the use of innovative strategies and technologies to achieve the following:

- a. Sensitivity to site conditions and surrounding environments, including efforts to limit contribution to landfill and increase recycling.
- b. Innovative, functional, creative and aesthetically appealing design of the project
- c. Selection of materials and systems to minimize consumption of energy, water, and other natural resources (may include innovative technologies, reduction of mechanical systems sizes, renewable energy sources, sustainably-sourced building materials, energy performance rating/metrics – ie building envelope metrics, equipment and system metrics, airtightness metrics, ACH, etc.)
- d. Construction details and techniques to achieve industry best practices (wall assembly, improved envelopes and/or upgraded systems,) noting certifications such as R2000, LEED, Built Green, EnergyGuide.
- e. Overall impact on homeowners' living environment, comfort and health

Requirements (Category 43)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a production/speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 12 photos (for renovations, up to two "before" photos are required).
- Submit documentation to support any project certifications/labels (eg. Built Green BC, R-2000 Standard, EnerGuide Rating 80 or higher). PDF copies of the documentation must be uploaded to the online form using the photo uploader (will not be included in the photo count).
- Upload the site and floor plans with the Ovation Awards unique ID number. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 44: HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDING: NET ZERO/PASSIVE HOUSE CERTIFIED, NEW or RENOVATED

High-Performance Building: Net Zero/Passive House, New or Renovated recognizes a new or renovated home/development/community that demonstrates a commitment to build high-performance homes qualified under the CHBA Net Zero Labelling Program (either Net Zero Ready or Net Zero), or Passive House certified.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 44)

Entry will be judged on the use of innovative strategies and technologies to achieve the following:

- a. Sensitivity to site conditions and surrounding environments
- b. Innovative, functional, creative and aesthetically appealing design of the project
- c. Selection of materials and systems to minimize the home's energy consumption (include innovative technologies, reduction of mechanical systems sizes, renewable energy sources, sustainably-sourced building materials, energy performance rating/metrics – ie building envelope metrics, equipment and system metrics, airtightness metrics)
- d. Construction details and techniques to achieve industry best practices (wall assembly, improved envelopes, and/or upgraded systems.)
- e. Overall impact on homeowners' living environment, comfort and health

Requirements (Category 44)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a production/speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 12 photos (for renovations, up to two "before" photos are required).
- Submit documentation to support project certification/label: CHBA Net Zero Labelling Program (either Net Zero Ready or Net Zero), or Passive House Certified).
- Upload the site and floor plans with the Ovation Awards unique ID number. All company identification must be removed.

CATEGORY 45: EXCELLENCE IN *BUILDING SCIENCE INNOVATION* IN RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Excellence in Building Science Innovation in Residential Construction is defined by the incorporation of innovative technologies into a new or renovated home. The technology may be a single innovative item or the total integration of several systems. Focus is on the final and finished product. For renovations, “before” photos are not required but are accepted.

NOTE: In this category, the entrant may be the sub-trade/supplier of the technology, but the builder/renovator of the home must have provided written authorization to the subtrade/supplier to enter the project into the award. Both the builder and the sub-trade/supplier **MUST** be GVHBA members. No exceptions.

For this category, the sub-trade/supplier of the technology can be identified as a “Major Associate” on the online submission form, to acknowledge their significant building science/technological contribution to the project. In this case, if the project is a finalist/winner, the GVHBA-member Associate will be announced, receive a finalist certificate/trophy and be mentioned in the media release (Major Associate level of acknowledgement).

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 45)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Performance, utility and function of the technology in the home
- b. How the innovative technology enhances the homeowners’ lifestyle (benefits the consumer)
- c. Efficient and creative use of space, including the execution of integrating the technology/components
- d. Notable features that make the home unique
- e. How the technology helps the contractor build a better building

TIP: Identify what differentiates your technological innovation in the marketplace.

Requirements (Categories 45)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a production/speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 10 photos. Renovated projects have the option to submit up to two “before” photos.
- Submit the floorplan clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number. No other company identification is permitted.

CATEGORY 46: BC HOUSING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATIVE HOUSING

Excellence in Innovative Housing recognizes a member for their commitment to build/renovate innovative **market-driven** housing choices in Metro Vancouver. The award highlights members' solutions to densification and housing demand. Entries may include laneway homes, re-purposed spaces/buildings, refurbished shipping containers, and other housing types.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 50 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 46)

Entry will be judged on:

- a. Explanation of how the home/development supports densification and is an innovative housing solution
- b. Explanation of design/building/project philosophy and how it appeals to the target market (enhances their lifestyle)
- c. Efficient, functional and creative use of space
- d. How the home/development integrates and enhances value to the surrounding community (transit accessibility, walkability score)
- e. Construction details, techniques and materials to achieve industry best practices (may include any challenges faced during the building process and how the builder overcame them)

Requirements (Category 46)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a production/speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 12 photos (must include a minimum of one exterior photo).
- Provide price/price range for the unit(s) shown in submitted photos.
- Submit the site plan and floorplans clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number. No other company identification is permitted.

CATEGORY 47: FORTISBC AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

FortisBC Award for Excellence in New Residential Construction recognizes a new-home home/project/community that integrates strategies and technologies that contribute to the efficient use of energy to reduce overall energy consumption.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 40 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 47)

Entry will be judged on the use of strategies and technologies to achieve the following:

a. Energy Conservation

Promotion of energy conservation by utilizing individual metering. Natural gas must be used for space and/or water heating in the home/project.

b. High-efficiency Appliances and Lighting

Inclusion of high-efficiency appliances to promote conservation of energy, such as:

- High-efficiency water-heating system
- Natural gas space heating equipment must be high efficiency or condensing technology

c. Additional Energy-Efficient Features (*waste reduction, water conservation, minimizing energy used during construction*)

Entry will also be judged on general criteria such as:

- Waste reduction, recycling, reuse and efficient use of materials
- Water conservation, storm water protection/management and situation control
- Sales and marketing material to promote the natural gas and energy efficiency aspects of the project and the benefits to prospective purchasers

d. Design: Innovative, functional, creative and aesthetically appealing design.

Requirements (Category 47)

- Homeowner Authorization form required, unless a production/speculation home.
- Builder Authorization form.
- Complete the entry form, including the Project Description (300-word maximum).
- Submit up to 12 photos (include one each of the individual meter closet (if applicable), high-efficiency heating system, hot-water heating system, and any other energy efficiency measures included.). Remaining pictures should show images of the home's interior/exterior that best represent energy efficiency and design aesthetic of your project.
- Submit the site plan and floorplans clearly labeled with: Ovation Awards unique ID number. No other company identification is permitted.

GRAND OVATION AWARDS

CATEGORIES 48 - 51

The Grand Ovation Awards are awarded to the builder/renovator member companies that are advocates of the GVHBA, excel in their respective fields, and also exemplify commitment to industry professionalism and community support.

Entrants must demonstrate:

- Construction and design excellence,
- Commitment to business excellence (staff, customers and development programs),
- Involvement in the GVHBA and homebuilding industry
- Community service/contributions.

Entrants must apply for these awards. Each award is determined by:

- Accumulation of points gained in submissions entered in the non-Grand Award categories.
- Judges' scores on the entrants' written Grand Ovation submissions.

Points system:

- 50% of the score is determined by points gained from the three highest-scoring entries in the regular categories (1 – 47),
- 50% of the score from the judges' reviews of the entrants' Grand Ovation written and photo submissions.
- **Entries must be anonymous** – no company or employer/employee information on the written or photo submissions – or the entry will be disqualified.

To win a Grand Ovation Award, in addition to having the highest points, the entrant must also have:

- won at least one of the other entered categories in the 2019 GVHBA Ovation Awards that corresponds to the Grand Ovation Award entered (e.g. for the Custom Home Builder of the Year Award, a custom builder must have won in another custom home category – winning a renovation award does not count).
- If none of the entrants have won an award, the entrant with the highest total points will be named the winner.

CATEGORY 48

GRAND OVATION: RESIDENTIAL RENOVATOR OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes the renovation member company that is an advocate of GVHBA, supports talent within the company, dedicated to delivering excellent customer service, is involved in the industry and community, and is an overall responsible corporate entity. Entries must be anonymous – no company/employer/employee information on the written or photo submissions – or entry is disqualified.

There are two parts to this award:

- (1) 50% of the score will be determined by totaling the points/scores earned from the three highest-scoring submissions the member has earned in other entered renovation categories. **Eligible categories which renovators may enter to qualify for this award: 1-15, 35, 37, 38, 41, 42-46.**
- (2) 50% of the total score will be judged on the written statement (**350-word maximum**) by the entrant, giving reasons why the member company deserves the award. The total score is determined by the accumulation of points in each of the seven criteria.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 70 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 48)

The written statement must include information on the following criteria:

- a. Actively participates in GVHBA (committees, education, volunteering, etc.) and the industry
- b. Environmental responsibility
- c. Customer service programs
- d. Career development within the organization, including human resource development and training
- e. Charitable/social contributions to the community
- f. Innovation within the industry
- g. Role in mentoring new comers to the industry

Requirements (Category 48)

- Complete online entry form, including the written submission (**350-word maximum**). Note that if your entry is a winner, GVHBA will edit the written submission for clarity and grammar as it will be read out loud at the Gala.
- Photos: Max. 12 (renovator's choice) from projects entered in the 2019 GVHBA Ovation Awards.
 - The 12 photos must include a minimum of two "before" photos with corresponding "after" photos, and one photo of the renovation company team.
 - Only photos of projects already entered in the awards are permitted (with the exception of the renovator team image.)
- The renovator must win at least one of the other renovation categories entered in the 2019 GVHBA Ovation Awards. If none of the entrants have won in a renovation category (eligible categories identified above), the entrant with the highest total score in this category will be the winner.
- Must be a GVHBA RenoMark Renovator in good standing.

CATEGORY 49

GRAND OVATION: CUSTOM HOME BUILDER OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes the custom home builder member company that is an advocate of GVHBA, supports talent within the company, dedicated to delivering excellent customer service, is involved in the industry and community, and is an overall responsible corporate entity. Entries must be anonymous – no company/employer/employee information on the written or photo submissions – or entry is disqualified.

There are two parts to this award:

- (1) 50% of the score will be determined by totaling the points/scores earned from the three highest-scoring submissions that builder has earned in other entered custom-home categories. **Eligible categories which custom builders may enter to qualify for this award: 16-21, 30-33, 35, 37, 38, 41, 42-47.**
- (2) 50% of the total score will be judged on the written statement (**350-word maximum**) by the entrant, giving reasons why the member company deserves the award. The total score is determined by the accumulation of points in each of the seven criteria.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 70 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 49)

The written statement must include information on the following criteria:

- a. Actively participates in GVHBA (committees, education, volunteering, etc.) and the industry
- b. Environmental responsibility
- c. Customer service programs
- d. Career development within the organization, including human resource development and training
- e. Charitable/social contributions to the community
- f. Innovation within the industry
- g. Role in mentoring new comers to the industry

Requirements (Category 49)

- Complete the entry form, including the written submission (**350-word maximum**), which specifically addresses the criteria. Note that if your entry is a winner, GVHBA will edit the written submission for clarity and grammar as it will be read out loud at the Gala.
- Photos: Maximum of 12 photos (builder's choice) from projects entered in the 2019 GVHBA Ovation Awards. Only photos of projects already entered in the awards will be accepted.
- Must be a GVHBA home builder member in good standing.
- Builder must have won at least one of the other custom home categories entered in the 2019 GVHBA Ovation Awards. If none of the entrants have won in another custom home category (eligible categories identified above), the entrant with the highest total score in this category will be the winner.
- Must be a current GVHBA builder in good standing.

CATEGORY 50

GRAND OVATION: SINGLE-FAMILY HOME BUILDER OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes the single-family home builder member company that is an advocate of GVHBA, supports talent within the company, dedicated to delivering excellent customer service, is involved in the industry and community, and is an overall responsible corporate entity. Entries must be anonymous – no company/employer/employee information on the written or photo submissions – or entry is disqualified.

There are two parts to this award:

- (1) 50% of the score will be determined by totaling the points/scores earned from the three highest-scoring submissions that builder has earned in other entered single-family categories. **Eligible categories which single-family production builders may enter to qualify for this award: 21 - 23, 28, 30-34, 36, 38, 40, 41, 42 - 47.**
- (2) 50% of the total score will be judged on the written statement (**350-word maximum**) by the entrant, giving reasons why the member company deserves the award. The total score is determined by the accumulation of points in each of the seven criteria.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 70 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 50)

The written statement must include information on the following criteria:

- a. Actively participates in GVHBA (committees, education, volunteering, etc.) and the industry
- b. Environmental responsibility
- c. Customer service programs
- d. Career development within the organization, including human resource development and training
- e. Charitable/social contributions to the community
- f. Innovation within the industry
- g. Role in mentoring new comers to the industry

Requirements (Category 50)

- Complete the entry form, including the written submission (**350-word maximum**), which specifically addresses the criteria. Note that if your entry is a winner, GVHBA will edit the written submission for clarity and grammar as it will be read out loud at the Gala.
- Photos: Maximum of 12 photos (builder's choice) from projects entered in the 2019 GVHBA Ovation Awards. Only photos of projects already entered in the awards will be accepted.
- Builder must have won at least one of the other single-family home (production) categories entered in the 2019 GVHBA Ovation Awards. If none of the entrants have won in another single-family home category (eligible categories identified above), the entrant with the highest total score in this category will be the winner.
- Must be a current GVHBA builder in good standing.

CATEGORY 51

GRAND OVATION: MULTI-FAMILY HOME BUILDER OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes the multi-family home builder member company that is an advocate of GVHBA, supports talent within the company, dedicated to delivering excellent customer service, is involved in the industry and community, and is an overall responsible corporate entity. Entries must be anonymous – no company/employer/employee information on the written or photo submissions – or entry is disqualified.

There are two parts to this award:

- (1) 50% of the score will be determined by totaling the points/scores earned from the three highest-scoring submissions that builder has earned in other entered multi-family categories. Eligible categories which a multi-family builder may enter to qualify for this award: **21, 24-27, 29, 30-34, 36, 38, 39, 42 - 47.**
- (2) 50% of the total score will be judged on the written statement (350-word maximum) by the entrant, giving reasons why the member company deserves the award. The total score is determined by the accumulation of points in each of the seven criteria.

Each criterion is worth 10 points, for a possible total maximum score of 70 points per entry.

Criteria (Category 51)

The written statement must include information on the following criteria:

- a. Actively participates in GVHBA (committees, education, volunteering, etc.) and the industry
- b. Environmental responsibility
- c. Customer service programs
- d. Career development within the organization, including human resource development and training
- e. Charitable/social contributions to the community
- f. Innovation within the industry
- g. Role in mentoring new comers to the industry

Requirements (Category 51)

- Complete the entry form, including the written submission (**350-word maximum**), which specifically addresses the criteria. Note that if your entry is a winner, GVHBA will edit the written submission for clarity and grammar as it will be read out loud at the Gala.
- Photos: Maximum of 12 photos (builder's choice) from projects entered in the 2019 GVHBA Ovation Awards. Only photos of projects already entered in the awards will be accepted.
- Builder must have won at least one of the other multi-family home categories entered in the 2019 GVHBA Ovation Awards. If none of the entrants have won in a multi-family category (eligible categories identified above), total points accumulated will determine the winner.
- Must be a current GVHBA builder in good standing.