

2022 Winners



The Roderick



2 River Green



Steveston Nikkei Memorial



Harrington Court

Awards Promotion

The City will provide information relating to the award winning projects through news releases, the City website, social media, advertising and other publications relating to the next Lulu Awards call for submissions.

Awards Presentation

The Lulu Awards will be presented to the winners at a City Council ceremony in October 2026. Those earning honourable mention will also be congratulated at this ceremony. A maximum of two awards can be given to each award winning team.

Important Dates for the Urban Design Awards

Call for submissions

January 2026

Submission deadline

March 31, 2026

Awards presentation

October 2026

Submissions must be received by the City's Development Applications Department by March 31, 2026 at 5:00pm

Submissions can be mailed or couriered to the following address:

City of Richmond Lulu Awards
c/o Development Applications
6911 No. 3 Road,
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

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RICHMOND URBAN DESIGN AWARDS 2026



What is Urban Design?

Urban Design is the design of a city and all its visible components. That is, how buildings and the spaces between them – open spaces and parks, bridges and streets, sidewalks and walkways, bodies of water, trees and landscaping, lighting and signage, etc. are all designed together over time to create an attractive, memorable and safe city.

What are the Lulu Awards?

The Urban Design Awards Program, The Lulu Awards, is intended to recognize, celebrate and inspire excellence in urban design in the City of Richmond. Design awards will be granted for exceptional projects that represent visionary thinking and “raise the bar” for design excellence in Richmond.

Eligibility

Private and public sector projects are eligible for an urban design award where they are approved and completed up to five years prior to the awards year. Submissions for awards can be submitted by a project owner, a member of the team that is associated with the project, City of Richmond staff, or a member of the general public. To be eligible for an award, submissions must be received by the City of Richmond before the deadline date and all entries must meet submission requirements. All Richmond public projects, including those developed by the City of Richmond, are eligible for awards.

Submission Requirements Include

Submissions will only be accepted if they include the following requirements:

- A completed Richmond Urban Design Awards official entry form in digital Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format.
- A brief abstract of the project to explain its design qualities and how this project significantly adds to the quality of the public realm in Richmond. The abstract should also touch on those items that are outlined in the relevant award category descriptions. The abstract must be provided in digital Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format.
- Two display boards, 24" x 36" maximum, illustrating the design qualities of the project described in the abstract and identifying the project name and address. A digital copy of the same must be provided in Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format.
- A photo slide show, not exceeding 25 photographs, illustrating the design qualities of the project described in the abstract. The slide show must be provided in digital Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format.

All materials submitted will become property of the City of Richmond and will not be returned to the applicant. Furthermore, submission of materials implies consent for the City of Richmond to disseminate such materials at its sole discretion such as:

- Posting on the City's website
- Posting on social media
- At the awards ceremony and as press information related to the awards

Awards Process

The call for submissions commences January 2026. The Lulu Awards program occurs every four years. The City's Development Applications Department will raise awareness in the community. This may include, advertising in newspapers, use of the City's website, social media and mail-outs to members of the design, architecture, landscape architecture, planning, and development industries.

The Lulu Awards Jury

The Lulu Awards jury will be established annually by the City Council and will include:

Voting Members

1. An Architect
2. A Landscape Architect
3. A Planner/Urban Designer
4. The General Manager, Planning and Development
5. The Director of Development

Judging Process

The judges will review submissions in all categories and rate each project based on criteria put forth in the award categories descriptions. Based on this evaluation, the judges will compile a short list of projects that provide exemplary examples of urban design excellence. Development Applications Department Staff will arrange for the judges to visit the sites of the projects on the short list. Thereafter, the judges will reconvene, in a closed meeting, to make their awards recommendations and will submit them in a closed meeting, to City Council for final approval.

It is at the sole discretion of the City Council to determine whether or not awards will be recommended in any or all of the awards categories in a given year.

Honourable mention may be given to those projects that did not win an award but exhibited many excellent design traits worthy of recognition.

Award Categories

Buildings

1. Residential (single-family, coachhouse or duplex, including innovativerenovations)
2. Residential (townhouse)
3. Residential and Mixed-Use (mid rise)
4. Residential and Mixed-Use (high rise)
5. Commercial
6. Industrial
7. Public and Institutional Buildings

Open Space

8. Public and Institutional Open Space
9. Landscape Innovation
10. Ecological Design and Innovation
11. Universal Design and Innovation

