

MEDIA RELEASE

Embargoed until Wednesday, May 2, 2018



CITY OF RICHMOND WINS BCRPA FACILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD

The City Centre Community Centre in Richmond honoured with 2018 Facility Excellence Award

Vancouver, BC (May 2, 2018) - The BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) today presented its Facility Excellence Award for projects over \$1 million to the City of Richmond for its City Centre Community Centre. The award recognizes outstanding innovation in facility concept, design development, maintenance or operation in a facility.

The City Centre Community Centre is a vibrant two-storey facility located within a mixed-use development. The LEED Gold community centre offers modern, multi-purpose spaces for a range of community recreation programs and services that are tailored to residents of all ages and abilities. The community centre also features an art studio, music rooms, social room, community living room and fitness centre. The facility includes state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment such as integrated touch panels, flat screen televisions, built-in projectors and screens, music recording equipment, and a listen assist and induction loop system. A portable stage, lights and sound system is available for events, youth DJ nights and talent shows, preschool dance performances and more.

According to Shannon Crofton with the Richmond Society for Community Living, "the facility has proven to be a welcoming and accessible space that is used by the people their organization supports for a variety of activities including social groups, book clubs, and discussion groups" and has provided "opportunities for artists supported by Richmond Society for Community Living to showcase their talents through an exhibit at the centre." The adapted equipment in the fitness centre has also been well-utilized and a physical, mental and social benefit for many of these groups.

"Richmond's first urban community center is a well-deserved recipient of the Facility Excellence Award. This project is a vibrant example of sustainability, reflective of extensive community consultation, and has brought to life an accessible, creative space that provides enhanced fitness and multi-purpose opportunities," said Rebecca Tunnacliffe, CEO of the BC Recreation and Parks Association.

The Facility Excellence Award is one of five provincial awards presented at the BCRPA's annual Symposium today in Vancouver. The conference brings together members of the recreation and parks sector from across BC, including elected officials, volunteers, members of the business community and others interested in building and sustaining active, healthy lifestyles and communities in BC.

-30-

Images Available

Background included

For more information:

Connie Mah

Administrative Assistant, BCRPA

p) 604.629.0965 ext 258
cmah@bcrpa.bc.ca

BACKGROUND

The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) is a not for profit organization dedicated to enhancing quality of life in our province. The Association and its extensive network of members, in the parks, recreation, physical activity and culture sector support the development of healthy individuals and communities and sustainable environments and economies.

Since 1958, the BCRPA has provided leadership, training and support, fostering the principles of accessibility and inclusiveness, to help its members meet provincial and local health and physical activity priorities. www.bcrpa.bc.ca