

SFU - UniverCity's Cornerstone wins three environmental awards



Cornerstone, the first mixed-use building the village centre of the UniverCity, the new community at Simon Fraser University, was recently honoured with three significant awards recognizing its environmental sustainability and eco-friendly features, such as geothermal heating and cooling of retail and office spaces, water conserving two-flush toilets and waterless urinals, a ventilation systems which recovers heat from building exhaust and a green roof.

Cornerstone was the only residential builder/developer project to receive an award at a special gala dinner hosted by BC Hydro's Power Smart program. BC Hydro praised the SFU Community Trust for its leadership in taking responsibility for the development, which is a model for other developers of how energy efficiency and environmental responsibility can be achieved at reasonable costs.

The building also received the 2005 environmental award in the planning and development category from the City of Burnaby. SFU Community Trust president Michael Geller accepted the award.

Cornerstone was also recognized with a 2005 award for excellence by the Urban Development Institute. BC Hydro Power Smart sponsored the UDI award. The jury included representatives from BC Hydro, the GVRD, and those experienced in green buildings.

In accepting the award, SFU Community Trust Board chairman David Gillanders noted that environmental sustainability is one of the hallmarks of UniverCity. Cornerstone has been registered with the LEED® Green Building Program and was designed with the LEED certification system in mind.