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BILD Alberta Announces the CHBA – Alberta Industry Leader Awards Recipients

EDMONTON – The Building Industry and Land Development Alberta Association (BILD Alberta) will honour the Canadian Home Builders' Association – Alberta's (CHBA – Alberta) outstanding volunteers for their dedicated service during the presentation of the Industry Leader Awards on September 16 at the BILD Alberta Fall Conference in Jasper, Alberta.



This year's **Hall Of Fame** inductee is **Rick Gratton**, Senior Development Manager at Brookfield Residential. Mr. Gratton is an active participant in the association at the local, provincial and national levels. He is continuously working to strengthen the voice of the industry on codes and standards and has worked to influence the code process, which is one of the key issues around affordability. Mr. Gratton devoted over 10 years to heading off key code issues that could adversely affect housing costs. His mind for detail has given him an advantage in his volunteer roles that required dedicated time to review large amounts of information.



The George Frieser Award recognizes leadership, dedication and outstanding long-time service at the provincial level and is the Association's highest award.

Recipient of the George Frieser Award, **Tally Hutchinson**, President and CEO of the Daytona Group, has served the Association in many roles, including President of CHBA – Alberta. Mr. Hutchinson faced many challenging issues during his term as President including the introduction of a new Condominium Property Act, numerous building code changes, the beginning of the review of the Municipal Government Act, and a stronger government focus on climate change. He was also tasked with establishing relationships with the newly elected provincial government. His dedication especially shone through when he stayed on as President for six months longer than the traditional tenure to allow his successor, Ryan Scott, time to fulfill other commitments before assuming the role.

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***The Klaus Springer Award** is presented to a builder member who contributed to the overall betterment of the industry.*

Derrick Hiltz, Operations Manager of Sterling Homes, has demonstrated outstanding leadership as a member of CHBA – Alberta for the past 15 years. Mr. Hiltz has served as Chair of the CHBA – Edmonton Region Building Technical Committee and a member of CHBA – Alberta’s Residential Technical Committee. He was presented with CHBA – Edmonton Region’s volunteer of the year award in 2013 and helped

achieve a text amendment relating to drift loading on short roofs for the Alberta Building Code.



***The Maple Leaf Award** is presented to a CHBA – Alberta general member (non-builder) who contributed to the overall betterment of the industry in Alberta.*

This year’s recipient is **Steve Jackson**, President of Enviromatics Group. Mr. Jackson has played an important role in the success of CHBA – Edmonton Region over the past seven years. He is a dedicated volunteer who participates in several committees including the NextGen Committee where he holds a Chair position. He has also worked to educate Safety Codes Officers throughout Alberta on the 9.36 Energy Code adoption.



***The Award of Honour** is presented to a dedicated volunteer who has done significant work at the local and provincial levels of the Association.*

This year’s Award of Honour recipient is **Trevor Klein**, Health & Safety Auditor at Jayman BUILT. Mr. Klein’s dedication and enthusiasm make him the first to volunteer for any initiative and a helpful resource to other safety professionals in the industry. He is always working to see how he can implement a successful local initiative across the province.

The Local Leadership Award honours Association work on innovative programs, political action, marketing, education and training, or research. **CHBA – Medicine Hat** has worked hard over the past two years to make the association the best it can be. They have increased membership and fostered a wonderful awards program that honours the best in the industry in Medicine Hat. They have also created an excellent relationship with the local city politicians to advocate for the industry.

Building Industry and Land Development Alberta Association (BILD Alberta) represents the amalgamation of the Canadian Home Builders’ Association – Alberta and the Urban Development Institute Alberta. BILD Alberta is the unified voice for the land development, home building and renovation industry, representing over 1,900 business members.

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