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### **BC Chamber of the Year Awards Announced**

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**Vancouver, May 30, 2012** - Business leaders and Chamber of Commerce executives from communities across BC gathered in Penticton from May 24-26<sup>th</sup> for the BC Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting & Conference to set the policy agenda for the coming year.

As part of the conference, the BC Chamber of Commerce recognizes Chambers of Commerce which have made exceptional contributions to their business community with the Chamber of the Year Award, the most prestigious distinction presented to a member Chamber.

#### **Chamber of the Year 2012**

The BC Chamber of Commerce is very proud to give the 2012 Chamber of the Year Award to the North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce ([www.nvchamber.ca](http://www.nvchamber.ca)) for the outstanding leadership role they played in ensuring that their business community has flourished. As an advocate for their members, this Chamber has been at the front of some key issues with all levels of government. After working tirelessly, they were instrumental in securing a 20-year, \$8 billion federal shipbuilding program for Seaspan Shipyards. This project will have an economic impact, not only in their region, but throughout the province. The benefits will extend to other BC shipyards which will participate with Seaspan, and to suppliers of everything from construction to professional services.

#### **Chamber of the Year 2012 - Honourable Mention**

The Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce ([www.campbellriverchamber.ca](http://www.campbellriverchamber.ca)) has been very innovative in finding ways to attract investment in the face of a resource industry downturn. The Chamber has initiated a number of projects to help drive economic development in their area, such as a Major Project Portal to showcase local businesses to potential contractors and project bid proponents seeking local services. BC Hydro has already adopted the Portal as their major project model for community involvement going forward.

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