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HEADLINE: Canada's TOP Community Right Here in British Columbia

British Columbia has always been a leading and forward-thinking province when it comes to new home design and innovative development, and this year is no exception. One particular community in BC that has gained local and national recognition is **Eaglewind**, a spectacular 25 acre master-planned community in Downtown Squamish (located just 30 minutes from world renowned Whistler). Eaglewind is the **Winner of the 2008 National Community Development SAM Award** by the Canadian Home Builders Association, adding to the three Gold Georgie Awards and six Silver Georgie Awards already awarded to Eaglewind this year by the Canadian Home Builders Association of British Columbia.



The vibrant community of Eaglewind, developed and built by BC's award winning and boutique builder, **Solterra Group of Companies**, is a multi-phased 'European-style village' featuring townhomes, carriage-style townhomes, duplexes, apartment residences and cityhomes. "Winning a National SAM Award is the highest recognition of excellence in our industry," says John Hrynkow, President of the CHBA. The CHBA National SAM Awards recognize outstanding performance in new homes and renovation design, innovative technology and construction techniques. Essentially, they represent the 'best of the best' in the industry.

So what makes Eaglewind Canada's top community and worthy of such an award? It comes down to not only the high level of quality and finishes of the homes at Eaglewind, but also the extensive planning and development of



this project. This 25 acre community includes an 11 acre public park with tennis courts, lawn bowling, community gardens, playground, dog park and trails to Squamish's estuary waterfront – which was dedicated back to the District of Squamish.

The prestigious SAM Award represents recognition of Solterra's goal of creating a sustainable, eco-friendly community by completing all landscaping and the 11 acre Eaglewind Park with a 100 year storm detention facility, preserving forest land and natural vegetation, using infiltration swales and retention ponds with oil water separators, and also mitigating a drainage channel (464 meters) for trout and salmon spawning/rearing habitat, including releasing 200 Coho salmon.

"Our entire team at Solterra is so excited about receiving the National SAM Award this year. All of this year's awards are a huge affirmation that the effort we spend reducing the carbon footprint of the homes we build is paying off," says Laura Rizzo, Vice President of Marketing at Solterra. Many of the same initiatives are also taking place in other current Solterra communities and this year's awards signified Solterra's commitment to their valued homeowners, local community, and the overall environment as a leading developer representing more than just creating homes.

