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City Awards Best Garden and Urban Design in Mount Pearl

MOUNT PEARL, NL – Tonight, the City of Mount Pearl hosted its annual ceremony, *Pearl Awards for Urban Design, Gardens and Green Lens*, at Council Chambers and awarded outstanding properties in the community. The event was held on World Town Planning Day.

“It’s important that we recognize exceptional urban design and gardens in Mount Pearl. These properties not only enhance the appearance of our community, but enhance its well-being through environmentally sustainable solutions,” said Mayor Randy Simms.

Mr. Jamie Chippett, Deputy Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs, joined members of Council in participating in the awards ceremony.

The winners of this year’s awards are:

Pearl Awards for Urban Design

- Tucker Acura (915 Topsail Road) – points of merit include a contemporary design, significant contribution to urban landscape, inviting workspace, air circulation system, and noteworthy upgrades to the entrance, parking lot and railings.
- Coffee Matters (39 Commonwealth Avenue) – points of merit include a beautiful interior design that uses high-quality materials to create a comfortable atmosphere, and green initiatives such as composting ground coffee beans.

Pearl Awards for Gardens

- 53 Dunluce Crescent – points of merit include an immaculately maintained front, side and back garden that has an attractive selection of plant and stone materials, as well as a hand-built deck and brightly coloured Adirondack chairs that lend a cottage feel to the property.

Pearl Awards in Green Lens Category

- Tucker Acura (915 Topsail Road) – points of merit include green initiatives such as a heat recovery system, LED lighting fixtures, and a parking lot that has been set back to ensure minimal disturbance to the neighbouring Waterford River.

About the Pearl Awards

The Pearl Awards for Urban Design celebrate properties that enhance quality of life and aesthetics through architectural and landscape architectural design, advance environmental stewardship and promote sustainable design.

The Pearl Awards for Gardens celebrate gardens that display tidiness, floral decoration, turf and ground cover quality, streetscape beautification, and environmental awareness.

The Pearl Awards – Green Lens Category celebrates property and business owners who implement green initiatives and innovative sustainable design solutions.

The City of Mount Pearl partners with MUN Botanical Garden, the Newfoundland and Labrador Branch of the Atlantic Planners Institute, The Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Architects, and the Atlantic Provinces Association of Landscape Architects.

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