

## **Sea to Sky Highway and Surrey Correctional Facility win Gold**

### ***- Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships announce 2011 National Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Infrastructure Development in Canada –***

TORONTO, November 21, 2011 -- The Sea to Sky Highway Improvement project and Surrey Pretrial Services Centre Expansion were awarded Gold by the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships as part of its National Awards for Innovation and Excellence in infrastructure development. The awards recognize outstanding achievement in the areas of project financing, service delivery, infrastructure investment and/or economic benefit.

The \$600 million Sea to Sky Highway from Vancouver to Whistler was improved for safety, stability and increased sightlines. In addition, along the highway recreational trail improvements were made for the community at large. A \$90 million correctional facility, the Surrey Pretrial Services Centre Expansion project will help to reduce overcrowding in the existing facility and improve the correctional environment. It will be designed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification, which will be the highest level of sustainability ever achieved in a correctional facility in British Columbia.

According to Mark Romoff, CEO, CCPPP, this year's award winners are a true testament that Canada is leading in the use of public-private partnerships (P3s) to deliver infrastructure and services faster and with better value to communities that are in high demand for renewal and investment.

“These P3 projects saved Canadian tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars and at the same time delivered much needed infrastructure, quality jobs, and social benefits to society,” said Romoff. “The Gold Award for the Sea to Sky Highway not only showcased Canada to the world during the Vancouver Winter Olympics it also provided approximately \$131 million in additional benefits to the community including training and employment for many First Nations workers and recreational trail improvements along the highway. This is public-private partnership at its best.”

### **Gold Award Winners**

***Sea to Sky Highway*** – a \$600 million project to improve the safety, sightlines and slope stabilization of the 95 kilometre long section of Highway 99 from West Vancouver to Whistler, B.C.

***L'Adresse Symphonique*** – a \$259 million new acoustic concert hall in Montreal that provided \$46.8 million in cost savings.



***Surrey Pretrial Services Centre*** – a \$90 million LEED Gold certified correctional facility developed to help to reduce overcrowding in the existing facility and improve the correctional environment.

### **Silver Award Winners**

***Durham Region Courthouse*** – a \$334 million fully functional and most technologically advanced courthouse in Ontario delivered \$49 million in cost savings to the Government of Ontario.

***Communications Security Establishment Canada*** – a \$867 million accommodation facility for Canada’s national cryptologic agency saved \$176 million.

***Ontario Ministry of Government Services Data Centre*** – a \$352 million new data centre to house increased data storage capacity and security for the Government’s new online services strategy. Garnered \$64.2 million in cost savings.

### **Award of Merit**

***North East Stoney Trail Highway*** – A \$650.7 million ring road highway around Calgary and Edmonton improved access and safety that was approximately 63% of the cost compared to traditional project delivery

### **2011 Champion**

The Council also recognizes David J. Johnstone as a P3 Champion in Canada for his outstanding leadership and achievements in developing major public-private transportation partnership projects in New Brunswick since 1995. As head of New Brunswick Highway Corporation from 1995-2010, Mr. Johnstone was responsible for the award winning 195 km. Fredericton-Moncton Highway project, and the 275km. Trans-Canada Highway Project from Long's Creek to the Quebec border, just to name a few.

### **National Survey reports Canadians Support Public-Private Partnerships**

In a new Nanos Research Poll commissioned by CCPPP, 70% of Canadians are open to the private sector delivering services in partnership with the government in areas such as roads, hospitals, schools, public transit systems, and safe water systems. This has been an increasing trend since 2004 when support was at 60%.

“Over the last eight years, we have seen more and more Canadians support the idea that combining private innovation with the public good is a great partnership to deliver much needed highways, bridges and hospitals in our growing communities,” said Romoff.  
“With the success of many of these large-scale projects on time and on budget we are



now seeing acceptance for the P3 model for schools, transit and water treatment systems,” added Romoff.

For the past several years Canadians have generally shown consistent support for P3 models to build roads (71%), recreation facilities (75%) and hospitals (66%). This year, Canadians showed an increase in support for possible public-private partnerships in transit systems (73%), water treatment (67%), water sewage facilities (67%) and schools (66%).

### **About CCPPP**

Established in 1993, CCPPP is a national non-partisan, member-based organization with broad representation from across the public and private sectors. The Council advocates for evidence-based public policy in support of P3s, facilitates the adoption of international best practices, and educates stakeholders and the community on the economic and social benefits of public-private partnerships. The Council organizes an annual conference that is recognized internationally as the premier forum bringing together senior government and business leaders in the P3 community at which the most successful Canadian public-private partnerships are celebrated through CCPPP’s National Awards for Innovation and Excellence.

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