

## **Broadmead Village Shopping Centre Receives BOMA BEST Environmental Certification**

December 4, 2012: Broadmead Village Shopping Centre received a Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Building Environmental Standards (BEST) Level 1 Certification. This is the first of four levels of certification and is a benchmarking process that helps applicants move up the levels of certification through improved environmental management. The certification was announced at the November BOMA luncheon at the Fairmont Pacific Rim in Vancouver.

BOMA BEST is a national environmental recognition and certification program for existing commercial buildings delivered through 11 Local BOMA Associations across the country. It is based on the internationally recognized and accepted Green Globes<sup>(™)</sup> environmental assessment platform. The certification recognizes excellence in environmental management and performance based on six key areas of environmental performance and management including energy, water, waste reduction, emissions and effluents, indoor environment and environmental management system.

“We are very pleased to have received the first level of certification for environmental management at Broadmead Village. This process supports Grosvenor’s ongoing commitment to best practices in sustainability,” says Alison Miles Cork, Asset Manager, Grosvenor Americas. “This certification sets a benchmark for us to improve our processes and in future achieve higher levels of certification as part of Grosvenor’s One Planet Cities initiative, which aims to create a culture of living within the finite resources of the planet.”

To achieve Level 1 Certification all 14 BOMA BEST Practices must be achieved. Over a six month application period numerous inspections were conducted, policies and procedures were updated and tenants were educated on how they can better contribute to increased environmental performance.

AME Consulting Group completed an American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Level 1 energy study which analyzed all energy-related aspects of Broadmead Village and provided recommendations that are gradually being implemented into the daily operations of the Centre.

The Capital Regional District completed a detailed water audit and a water conservation policy has been developed to guide operational practice at Broadmead Village. All inefficient plumbing fixtures located in common areas and vacant units of the property have been removed and replaced with water efficient models, and tenants have been provided with water conservation information.

This process has also influenced some aspects of upcoming renovations at Broadmead. The large water fountain in the Breezeway will be replaced with a new fountain that uses the latest technology including full controls to control water use and energy efficient LED lighting.

Applicants must demonstrate their recycling program and show that a hazardous materials management plan, ozone depleting substances management plan and a tenant communication plan are in place. In response to tenant requests and in conjunction with the BOMA BEST initiative, an additional recycling area was created which added the recycling of soft plastics and Styrofoam. The number of recycling receptacles available to both the public and tenants was also increased.

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