BUILDINGS WITHOUT BARRIERS
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GWL Realty Advisors, QuadReal Property Group and Colliers Recognized for Accessibility Leadership

RHF Buildings Without Barriers Challenge awards recognize building owners and managers demonstrating leadership in accessibility through commitment, improvement, innovation and a culture of accessibility.

September 28, 2026: Traditional territory of the xʷməθkwəy ̓əm (Musqueam) First Nation / Richmond, B.C. – GWL Realty Advisors, QuadReal Property Group and Colliers have been recognized through the Rick Hansen Foundation's 2025–2026 Building Without Barriers Challenge for leadership in advancing accessibility in the built environment. Supported by BOMA Canada, the Challenge brings together organizations that have pledged to advance accessibility across the buildings they own or manage.

The Building Without Barriers Challenge uses Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) to help organizations measure building accessibility, identify barriers and opportunities for improvement, and build accessibility knowledge and capacity through training. RHFAC considers the experiences of people with mobility, vision and hearing disabilities, as well as neurodiversity, providing a consistent framework for advancing accessibility.

Presented at BOMEX Ottawa 2026, BOMA Canada's annual conference, the awards highlight achievement across four areas: commitment, innovation, improvement and a culture of accessibility.

2025–2026 Building Without Barriers Challenge Award Recipients include:

- **Commitment Award – GWL Realty Advisors and QuadReal Property Group:** Recognized for advancing accessibility across their portfolios by rating properties through RHFAC.
- **Innovation Award – QuadReal Property Group, Jamieson Place:** Recognized for innovative approaches to advancing accessibility, earning the highest innovation score through its RHFAC rating.
- **Most Improved Award – Colliers, Pender Place 2:** Recognized for achieving the greatest improvement in accessibility among buildings in the Challenge that had previously been rated through RHFAC.
- **Culture of Accessibility Award – GWL Realty Advisors:** Recognized for building accessibility knowledge and capacity by training the highest number of employees through RHFAC accessibility education.

“Creating a more accessible built environment requires sustained commitment, measurable progress, innovative thinking and people with the knowledge and tools to put accessibility into practice,” said Amanda Basi, Senior Director, Programs, Rick Hansen Foundation. “These award recipients demonstrate the different ways organizations can advance accessibility and help create buildings that work better for everyone.”

Recipient Quotes:

“The certifications and awards are meaningful markers of our shared progress. They reflect the collective efforts of our clients, property teams and tenants, while encouraging us to keep learning, addressing barriers and making the buildings we manage more inclusive for everyone.”

— **Krystian Imgrund, VP Sustainability & EOHS, GWL Realty Advisors**

“At QuadReal, we look for innovative and sustainable ways to improve how tenants and residents experience our spaces, and accessibility is a key part of that work. This recognition reflects the commitment of our teams and the work undertaken at Jamieson Place; with lessons we can bring to future projects.”

— **Sarah Clarke, Senior Vice President, Commercial Operational Excellence, QuadReal Property Group**

“The built environment is not neutral. Every building either includes people or quietly excludes them, and that outcome is decided by choices owners and operators make over years. Advising clients through those choices is among the most meaningful work we do. Pender Place II is an example of what it yields: a property where accessibility and usability have been improved deliberately over time, and where exceptional transit connectivity makes the building as easy to reach as it is to move through. We regard this as inseparable from our social responsibility — and as straightforward good asset management. The two point in the same direction far more often than the market assumes.”

— **Ali Hoss, Head of Sustainability and Asset Optimization, Colliers Real Estate Management Services**

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About the Rick Hansen Foundation

A legacy of Rick Hansen’s Man In Motion World Tour over 40 years ago, The Rick Hansen Foundation is a registered charity that exists to remove those barriers and accelerate a global movement toward an accessible, inclusive and healthy world. We bring people and organizations together to turn innovative ideas into real-world solutions. Together, we’re continuing Rick’s dream of a world without barriers for everyone, everywhere. Visit www.RickHansen.com to learn more.

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