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## CANADIAN CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD TO MR. JOHN WESTEINDE

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**Puerto Rico** – The Canadian Construction Association (CCA) today presented the CCA Person of the Year Award, and with it, the Robert Stollery Memorial Trophy sponsored by PCL Constructors Canada Ltd, to Mr. John Westeinde of Ottawa, Ontario. The award was presented as part of the National awards breakfast held during CCA's 89<sup>th</sup> Annual conference held at the Westin Rio Mar in Puerto Rico, which featured multiple Paralympic gold medalist Chantal Petitclerc as the introductory speaker.

The CCA Person of the Year award is intended to honour one individual in the Canadian construction industry who has exemplified leadership and excellence within the industry and in community life. It is considered the highest honour that CCA can bestow upon one individual. "The Canadian Construction Association is pleased to recognize John as a leader within the Canadian construction industry by presenting him with the CCA Person of the Year award," stated Alfonso Argento, outgoing Chairman of the Canadian Construction Association. "Through his lifetime of efforts on behalf of our industry, John has shown himself to be truly deserving of this unique honour."

John Westeinde founded Westeinde Construction Ltd in 1978, which since that time has built over 300 projects totaling over \$1 billion. In addition to being known for principled business practices and innovative construction solutions, John was a founding member and President of the General Contractors Association of Ottawa, and has served as Chair of the Ottawa Construction Association and the Ontario General Contractors Association. He has also chaired a number of CCA Committees, and was a founding Co-Chair of both the Canadian Design/Build Institute and the Canadian Construction Innovation Council.

He has also served on numerous Boards and charities, having been awarded the "Businessman of the Year" award, the Lauchland Engineering Alumni Medal for his "Contributions to Engineering in Canadian Life", and together with his wife Shirley, the B'nai Brith Canada Award of Merit.

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