



Renovation & Custom Home Awards



ENTRY CRITERIA, SUBMISSION RULES & INFORMATION

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

- A1** - Best Basement Renovation **under \$125,000**
- A2** - Best Basement Renovation **over \$125,000**
- A3** - Best Washroom Renovation
- A4** - Best Kitchen Renovation **under \$100K**
- A5** - Best Kitchen Renovation **over \$100K**
- B1** - Best Overall Space Renovation
- B2** - Most Unique Personalization of Space
- C1** - Best Renovation (no addition) **under \$250,000**
- C2** - Best Renovation (no addition) **\$250,000 - \$500,000**
- C3** - Best Renovation (no addition) **over \$500,000**
- D1** - Best Renovation (Addition) **under \$500,000**
- D2** - Best Renovation (Addition) **over \$500,000**
- E1** - Best Condominium Renovation **under \$200,000**
- E2** - Best Condominium Renovation **over \$200,000**
- F1** - Best Overall Renovation
- G1** - Best Innovative Renovation
- H1** - Best Exterior Home Renovation
- I1** - Best Custom Home Kitchen
- I2** - Best Custom Home Washroom
- J1** - Best Custom Home **under \$1 Million**
- J2** - Best Custom Home **\$1-\$2 Million**
- J3** - Best Custom Home **over \$2 Million**
- K1** - Best Overall Custom Home
- L1** - Custom Home Builder of the Year
- M1** - Renovator of the Year

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Submission tool opens: October 20, 2020

Submission deadline: December 14, 12pm, 2020 www.renoawards.ca

TIPS FOR A WINNING APPLICATION

All judging takes place on an online platform built by BILD for the Renovator and Custom Home Awards Program and for the BILD Awards. By following these tips you can ensure that you maximize your chances of success in the categories you choose to enter.

Here are a few top tips:

1. Images of the project are presented first to the judges and will form the first impression of your project. Therefore:

- Use the best quality images you can and carefully select the images to support the “story” you will tell in the written fields of the online tool.
- Since imagery from finalists and winners are also used in BILD communications, marketing and exposure for the entrants (pre and post awards ceremony) please make sure images are as high a resolution as possible (min 300 DPI).
- You can upload a maximum of 10 images per submission.
- For Custom Home categories photos can all be of the finished product.
- For Renovation categories make sure to provide two (2) before images, two (2) during images and up to six (6) after photos.
- If you are calling out a special or novel feature of your project within your entry make sure to include a photo of that feature.

2. Following the images the judges review the text portion of your entry. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Depending on the field you will have space for between 500 and 1500 words, make sure to use it.
- You may choose to prepare your text submissions ahead of time in Word and then transfer to the tool.
- Judges will compare the images and the text provided against the category criteria so make sure to address each of the criteria within your text responses.
- Tell the story of the project – e.g. the unique nature, the specific requirements or demands, what challenges needed to be overcome.
- If you run short on space use bullet point answers.
- Please note that judges may review more than one category, so if you have multiple entries in more than one category avoid cutting and pasting text between multiple entries. This is especially true if you have more than one entry in the same category.
- Make sure to **proof read** and check your entry prior to submission.

3. The online tool has a number of features that can enhance your entry development process.

- Once you have created your entry you can save it and come back to it to edit or enhance right up to the closing date.
- Even if the entry has been submitted it can still be updated and re-saved again right up to the closing date.
- The online tool includes a share function that allows you to share your complete or partially complete entry with other partners on the project (architects, designers etc.) to obtain their feedback, input or additions.

4. BILD also holds free training sessions on how to complete an application and how to use the online submission tool. For more information contact Tiffany Kohl at tkohl@bildgta.ca.

SUBMISSION RULES & INFORMATION

Eligibility Requirements

- Eligible projects are those undertaken and/or completed between September 1, 2019 until December 14, 2020.
- A project may be entered into multiple categories.
- While non-members submit for an award or be listed under organizations to credits, only BILD members in good standing will be recognized.
- Award finalists and winners must be BILD members in good standing, as of January 29 2021.

Definitions

- "Renovation" refers to residential home (single, semi, townhome, or condominium suite).
- "Custom Home" open to Tarion registered builders only.

CATEGORIES & JUDGING CRITERIA

Categories A1-A5

Best Basement Renovation under \$125,000

Best Basement Renovation over \$125,000

Best Washroom Renovation

Best Kitchen Renovation under \$100K

Best Kitchen Renovation over \$100K

These awards recognize the best residential 'space' renovation that addresses the client's needs within their budget as it relates to site considerations, renovation solutions, features, and any special problems relating to the existing structure or site.

For these categories, entries will be judged on four (4) equally weighted criteria including:

- Overall interior appeal
- Special or unique design
- Creative and efficient use of space and functionality of the floor plan
- General rating reflecting various elements including how the renovator addressed the client's needs within their budget relative to how the renovator dealt with site considerations, any special challenges relating to the existing structure, and any innovative renovation/design solutions and features

Please note the budgetary restrictions are related to the space renovation costs only (not the total project cost). Therefore, if the space renovation costs \$X but it is part of an overall larger project that is larger than the space being submitted and the total project cost is \$Y then costs of \$X will be used as the budgetary restriction.

Please also note that the Best Kitchen Renovation has been split into two categories with budgetary restrictions introduced to allow for fairer adjudication of entries.

Additional required information:

- Client name and telephone number
- Project address
- Duration of project
- Gross square footage (of the area applicable to the award category)
- Actual project cost (of the area applicable to the award category)
- List of pre-existing features not a part of the project
- Floorplan
- Builder or renovator company logo
- Other firms to credit for the award

Minimum Photo requirements

- 2 before photos
- 2 "during" photos (if available)
- 2 "after" photos

Category B1

Best Overall Space Renovation

This award recognizes the best overall space renovation. The selection of the winning project will be based on the highest percentage score from all projects submitted under the following five (5) categories:

- Best Basement Renovation under \$125,000
- Best Basement Renovation over \$125,000
- Best Washroom Renovation
- Best Kitchen Renovation under \$100K
- Best Kitchen Renovation over \$100K

Entry to this category is automatic for all projects submitted in the categories above. Please note a separate entry form is not required, nor a separate fee.

Category B2

Most Unique Personalization of Space

This award recognizes the most creative and innovative adaption of existing space to suit the lifestyle and demands of the inhabitants. Show how the space was transformed to make the dweller's space truly their own (i.e. themes, styles, finishes and furnishings). Present your best/most unique project and how it made a place like no other.

Examples of personalized spaces can included, but are not limited to, spaces tailored to a sports fan, children's play rooms, office redesigns, custom wine cellars, dining, game rooms or libraries.

For this category, entries will be judged on (5) equally weighted criteria, including:

- Transformation
- Creativity
- Execution
- Design
- Originality

Additional required information:

- Client name and phone number
- Project address
- Duration of project
- Gross square footage
- Actual project cost
- List of pre-existing features not a part of the project
- Floorplan, if applicable
- Builder or renovator company name and logo, if applicable

Minimum Photo Requirements:

- Six (6) photos are required in total, as follows:
 - 2 "before" photos
 - 2 "during" photos (if available)
 - 2 "after" photos

Categories C1-C3

Best Renovation (no addition) under \$250,000
Best Renovation (no addition) \$250,000 - \$500,000
Best Renovation (no addition) over \$500,000

These awards recognize the best residential renovation without an addition that addresses the client's needs within their budget as it relates to site considerations, renovation solutions, features, and any special problems relating to the existing structure or site.

For these categories, entries will be judged on four (4) equally weighted criteria including:

- Overall interior appeal
- Special or unique design
- Creative and efficient use of space and functionality of the floor plan
- General rating reflecting various elements including how the renovator addressed the client's needs within their budget relative to how the renovator dealt with site considerations, any special challenges relating to the existing structure, and any innovative renovation/design solutions and features

Additional required information:

- Client name and telephone number
- Project address
- Duration of project
- Gross square footage (of the area applicable to the award category)
- Actual project cost (of the area applicable to the award category)
- List of pre-existing features not a part of the project
- Floorplan
- Builder or renovator company logo
- Other firms to credit for the award

Minimum Photo requirements

- 2 before photos
- 2 "during" photos (if available)
- 2 "after" photos

Categories D1-D2

Best Renovation (Addition) under \$500,000
Best Renovation (Addition) over \$500,000

These awards recognize the best residential renovation with an addition that addresses the client's needs within their budget as it relates to site considerations, renovation solutions, features, and any special problems relating to the existing structure or site.

For these categories, entries will be judged on four (4) equally weighted criteria including:

- Overall interior appeal
- Special or unique design
- Creative and efficient use of space and functionality of the floor plan
- General rating reflecting various elements including how the renovator addressed the client's needs within their budget relative to how the renovator dealt with site considerations, any special challenges relating to the existing structure, and any innovative renovation/design solutions and features

Additional required information:

- Client name and telephone number
- Project address
- Duration of project
- Gross square footage (of the area applicable to the award category)
- Actual project cost (of the area applicable to the award category)
- List of pre-existing features not a part of the project
- Floorplan
- Builder or renovator company logo
- Other firms to credit for the award

Minimum Photo requirements

- 2 before photos
- 2 "during" photos (if available)
- 2 "after" photos

Categories E1-E2

Best Condominium Renovation under \$200,000 Best Condominium Renovation over \$200,000

These awards recognize the best interior condominium renovation that addresses the client's needs within their budget as it relates to site considerations, renovation solutions, features, and any special problems relating to the existing structure or site.

For these categories, entries will be judged on four (4) equally weighted criteria including:

- Overall interior/exterior appeal
- Special or unique design
- Creative and efficient use of space and functionality of the floor plan
- General rating reflecting various elements including how the renovator addressed the client's needs within their budget relative to how the renovator dealt with site considerations, any special challenges relating to the existing structure, and any innovative renovation/design solutions and features

Additional required information:

- Client name and telephone number
- Project address
- Duration of project
- Gross square footage (of the area applicable to the award category)
- Actual project cost (of the area applicable to the award category)
- List of pre-existing features not a part of the project
- Floorplan
- Builder or renovator company logo
- Other firms to credit for the award

Minimum Photo requirements

- 2 before photos
- 2 "during" photos (if available)
- 2 "after" photos

Category F1

Best Overall Renovation (Automatic entry for categories C, D and E)

This award recognizes the best overall renovation. The selection of the winning project will be based on the highest percentage score from all projects submitted under the following seven (7) categories:

- Best Renovation (no addition) under \$250,000
- Best Renovation (no addition) \$250,000 - \$500,000
- Best Renovation (no addition) over \$500,000
- Best Renovation (Addition) under \$500,000
- Best Renovation (Addition) over \$500,000
- Best Condominium Renovation under \$200,000
- Best Condominium Renovation over \$200,000

Entry to this category is automatic for all projects submitted in the categories above. Please note a separate entry form is not required, nor a separate fee.

Category G1

Best Innovative Renovation

This award recognizes the best residential or commercial innovative renovation that showcases creative solutions to challenging site conditions, unique architectural or technical design, use of new and/or green building techniques, integrated technologies, finishing product selections and/or energy efficiency (construction practices, systems, waste reduction, eco-products).

This category is open to any project (i.e. any renovation) that would qualify under categories A, C, D and E above, but does require a separate entry for this category. Entry of an eligible project in this category does not require the project to be submitted in for consideration in categories A through E (i.e. this is a standalone category).

Please note, in your description it is vital to identify what made this project innovative while still addressing the client's needs within their budget, relating to site considerations, renovation solutions, features, and any special problems relating to the existing structure or site.

For this category, entries will be judged on four (4) equally weighted criteria including:

- Overall interior appeal
- Special or unique design
- Creative and efficient use of space and functionality of the floor plan
- General rating reflecting various elements including how the renovator addressed the client's needs within their budget relative to how the renovator dealt with site considerations, any special challenges relating to the existing structure, and any innovative renovation/design solutions and features

Additional required information:

- Client name and telephone number
- Project address
- Duration of project
- Gross square footage (of the area applicable to the award category)
- Actual project cost (of the area applicable to the award category)
- List of pre-existing features not a part of the project
- Floorplan
- Builder or renovator company logo
- Other firms to credit for the award

Minimum Photo requirements

- 2 before photos
- 2 "during" photos (if available)
- 2 "after" photos

Category H1

Best Exterior Home Renovation (excludes landscaping)

This award recognizes the best residential exterior home renovation (excluding landscaping) that addresses the client's needs within their budget as it relates to site considerations, renovation solutions, features, and any special problems relating to the existing structure or site.

For this category entries will be judged on four (4) equally weighted criteria including:

- Overall exterior appeal
- Special or unique design
- Creative and efficient use of the exterior features and materials
- General rating reflecting various elements including how the renovator addressed the client's needs within their budget relative to how the renovator dealt with site considerations, any special challenges relating to the existing structure, and any innovative renovation/design solutions and features

Projects that comply for this category include but are not limited to:

- Refinishing of the existing facade
- The addition of new features to a facade
- A new addition to an existing house

Please note this category has special submission requirement:

- One before and one after photo must be from the same/similar perspective.
- In your description, identify what changes were made and what was maintained, your approach to meeting the client's needs and budget, creative solutions and features, and how you addressed any unique challenges (such as building code restrictions, issues with the existing structure, other site conditions, etc.).

Additional required information:

- Client name and telephone number
- Project address
- Duration of project
- Gross square footage (of the area applicable to the award category)
- Actual project cost (of the area applicable to the award category)
- List of pre-existing features not a part of the project
- Floorplan
- Builder or renovator company logo
- Other firms to credit for the award

Minimum Photo requirements

- 2 before photos
- 2 "during" photos (if available)
- 2 "after" photos

Categories I1 - I2

Best Custom Home Kitchen Best Custom Home Washroom

These awards recognize the best residential 'space' within a custom home that addresses the client's needs within their budget.

For these categories, entries will be judged on four (4) equally weighted criteria including:

- Overall interior appeal
- Special or unique design
- Creative and efficient use of space and functionality of the floor plan
- General rating reflecting various elements including how the contractor addressed the client's needs within their budget.

Additional required information:

- Client name and telephone number
- Project address
- Duration of project
- Gross square footage (of the area applicable to the award category)
- Actual project cost (of the area applicable to the award category)
- Floorplan
- Builder or renovator company logo
- Other firms to credit for the award

Minimum Photo requirements

- 3 interior photos

Categories J1 - J3

Best Custom Home under \$1 Million*

Best Custom Home \$1-\$2 Million*

Best Custom Home over \$2 Million*

These awards recognize the best custom home that addresses the client's needs within their budget as it relates to site considerations, features, and any special problems relating to the site.

For these categories, entries will be judged on four (4) equally weighted criteria including:

- Overall interior and/or exterior appeal
- Special or unique design
- Creative and efficient use of space and functionality of the floor plan
- General rating reflecting various elements including how the contractor addressed the client's needs within their budget relative to how the contractor dealt with site considerations, and any innovative design solutions and features.

* Does not include price of land.

Additional required information:

- Client name and telephone number
- Project address
- Duration of project
- Gross square footage (of the area applicable to the award category)
- Actual project cost (of the area applicable to the award category)
- Floorplan
- Builder or renovator company logo
- Other firms to credit for the award

Minimum Photo requirements

- 3 interior photos
- 3 exterior photos

Category K1

Best Overall Custom Home

This award recognizes the best overall custom home. The selection of the winning project will be based on the highest percentage score from all projects submitted under the following three (3) categories:

- Best Custom Home under \$1 Million*
- Best Custom Home \$1-\$2 Million*
- Best Custom Home over \$2 Million*

*Does not include price of land.

Entry to this category is automatic for all projects submitted in the categories J1-J3. Please note a separate entry form is not required nor a separate fee.

Category L1

Custom Home Builder of the Year

This award highlights the custom home builder company who sets the standard for the rest of the custom home building sector by their leadership in improving the overall image of the custom home building industry. The company must also submit at least one entry within one of the other five (categories I and J) custom home builder categories to be eligible.

Judging criteria is as follows:

- Contribution to industry/association
- Professionalism: the way in which the renovator satisfies clients so that they generate positive word of mouth not only about the individual company, but renovation itself and the professional renovation sector
- General Rating reflects various elements including how well the renovator performed as a contractor, their response to individual client needs and expectations, as well as giving back to the community and industry itself

Download the file "Custom_Home_Builder_of_the_Year_Client_template.xls" to provide a client list of 8 recent (minimum of four) homeowner references (from the last three years) and the entry sponsor which may be a client or a BILD member. Include your company name in the saved file name and upload to your submission before finalizing and submitting payment.

Entries will be ranked on 50% of the judges' score and 50% customer survey score.

Submit 3 copies of customer or other testimonials or similar supporting information (include community/charity contact information) as directed in the next "submission format" section.

Category M1

Renovator of the Year

This award highlights the renovation company who sets the standard for the rest of the renovation sector by their leadership in improving the overall image of the renovation industry. Company must also submit at least one entry within one of the other fourteen renovation (categories A, C, D and E) categories to be eligible. For this category, entries will be judged on three (3) equally weighted principles and a customer survey.

Judging criteria is as follows:

- Contribution to industry/association
- Professionalism: the way in which the renovator satisfies clients so that they generate positive word of mouth not only about the individual company, but renovation itself and the professional renovation sector
- General Rating reflects various elements including how well the renovator performed as a contractor, their response to individual client needs and expectations, as well as giving back to the community and industry itself

A client list of 15 recent (minimum of five) homeowner references (from the last three years) must be uploaded when making the submission (including nature of work, project date (month/year) and name, address, business and home phone numbers) for survey purposes.

Entries will be ranked on 50% of the judges' score and 50% customer survey score.

Submit 3 copies of customer or other testimonials or similar supporting information (include community/charity contact information) as directed in the next "submission format" section.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Judging

- A minimum of three (3) submissions are required for a category to proceed for judging.
- A minimum of three (3) judges per category will be appointed by BILD.
- Judges are renovators, custom home builders from outside the GTA or members of allied associations (NKBA, DDA, ARIDO, OAA)
- Each category is judged on four (4) equally weighted criteria.
- Renovator and Custom Home Builder of the Year is judged on four (4) equally weighted criteria. Total score based on 50% judges score, 50% customer survey score.
- All submissions ranked by score.

Recognition Policy

Only BILD members in good standing will receive recognition as finalists and winners. Awards are presented to the renovator or builder BILD member company. Where other firms are named under Organizations to Credit (e.g. architect/technologist, designer), only BILD members will be acknowledged. Accuracy of spelling and information submitted is the responsibility of the submitter.

Entry Fee, Categories A - M

\$300 + HST = \$339.00 per submission. The completion of the online submission process requires credit card payment.

For categories B1, F1, K1, no fee is required.

Submission Deadline

All entries must be completed online no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020. No extensions will be given.

Depending on the number of entries, BILD reserves the right to consolidate categories.

Disclosure

Please note that any content submitted as part of the nomination may be used in displays, communication or promotional materials by BILD. Submissions for A - M entries may be displayed within the RenoMark feature at BILD Homes Shows. A PDF file of each submission will be provided via email in May. BILD reserves the right to exclude submissions from display at any BILD exhibits with NO REFUND for entries not conforming to submission criteria or rules and to re-categorize or drop whole categories depending upon the quantity of submissions received.

All submissions become the property of BILD. BILD does not guarantee return of any entry exhibit materials or images. The submitter is responsible to obtain consent from their client to be in compliance with The Privacy Act pertaining to the promotional use and public display of these digital photograph images. For privacy reasons, people or identifying objects must not appear in any photos. Photo images must not be altered or enhanced in any manner.

Contact Information

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