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2018 Jack Webster Awards Winners Announced

(Vancouver, B.C.) -- Western Canada's preeminent journalism awards were presented this evening at the 2018 Jack Webster Awards, held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Vancouver B.C. The awards recognize excellence in journalism in B.C.

Submissions were encouraged from print, radio, television and online media sources that cover news, sports, the arts, business, community issues, and more. The winners for the 2018 Jack Webster Awards are:

Excellence in Feature/Enterprise Reporting - Television

Jill Bennett, John Hua, Catherine Urquhart, Grace Ke, Global BC News for *Soliris Fight*

Excellence in Feature/Enterprise Reporting - Radio

Bal Brach, Laura Palmer, Stephen Quinn, Matthew Parsons, Lee Rosevere, CBC Radio One, for *SOLD!*

Excellence in Feature/Enterprise Reporting - Print/Text-Based Online

Sam Cooper, Vancouver Sun/The Province, for *Dirty Money in BC: Casinos, Drugs, Real Estate*

Excellence in Business, Industry and Economics Reporting

Rob Shaw, Vancouver Sun/The Province, for *The economics of public auto insurance*

Excellence in Legal Journalism

Laura Kane, Geordon Omand, The Canadian Press, for *Jordan Decision, One Year Later*

Excellence in Science, Technology and Environment Reporting

Johanna Wagstaffe, Polly Leger, Lee Rosevere, Shiral Tobin, CBC Radio One, for *2050: Degrees of Change*

Best Reporting Chinese Language

Susanna Ng, Ivy Ng, Eva Cheng, Eric Chan, Victoria Chang, Amanda Sun, Ming Pao Daily, for *Hongkongers in Canada - on the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's handover*

Best Community Reporting

Max Winkelman, Tara Sprickerhoff, Barbara Roden, 100 Mile House Free Press/Ashcroft Cache Creek Journal, for *Fire Fight*

Excellence in Digital Journalism

Justin McElroy, cbc.ca/bc, for *We've tracked every promise the B.C. NDP made in the last election: Here's where they stand*

Best Breaking News Reporting - Television

Geoff Hastings, Aaron McArthur, Darryl Patton, Stephen Lyon, Keith Whitter, Monty Burt, Karl Avefjall, Simon Boniface, Luca Sgaetti, Global BC News, for *Cst. Davidson Shot*

Best Breaking News Reporting - Radio

Stephen Quinn, Lee Rosevere, Drew Kerekes, Jake Costello, Bridgette Watson, Yvette Brend, Claudia Goodine, Michelle Eliot, Theresa Duvall, Chris Robinson, Rob Zimmerman, Rafferty Baker, Megan Thomas, CBC Radio One, for *The morning Canada bought a pipeline*

Best Breaking News Reporting - Print/Text-Based Online

Scott Brown, Cheryl Chan, Lori Culbert, Nick Eagland, Gordon Hoekstra, Stephanie Ip, Patrick Johnston, Rich Lam, Glenda Luymes, Harrison Mooney, Jason Payne, Jennifer Saltman, Vancouver Sun/The Province, for *BC Wildfires 2017*

Commentator of the Year/City Mike Award

John Gleeson, Coast Reporter

Also at the awards, the 2018 Bruce Hutchison Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Clive Jackson and the 2018 Bill Good Award was presented to Donna Logan. Keith Morrison, an award-winning correspondent for Dateline NBC who joined the program in 1995 after a prominent career at both NBC and in Canadian television was the event's guest speaker.

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