

Congratulatory messages from CGSA President, <u>Darren Kalyniuk</u> and <u>Tim Steen</u> from Bayer. Please click on their names to watch the videos.

## The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA) Announces the 2020 CGSA/Bayer Superintendent of the Year Award Recipient

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**MISSISSAUGA, ON -** The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA) and Bayer Environmental Science Canada (Bayer) are pleased to announce Mr. J. Paul Robertson from Victoria Golf Course in Victoria, British Columbia as the CGSA/Bayer Superintendent of the Year for 2020.

The CGSA/Bayer Superintendent of the Year award recognizes a member of the CGSA who has held the position of golf course superintendent for a minimum of five years and who has distinguished her or himself through dedication to the profession, performance as a golf course superintendent and contributions to their profession and their community.

"Paul is one of the most respected golf course superintendents in British Columbia. His contribution to the industry is exemplary. Paul led the change on the CGSA/BCGSA dual billing initiative and has been a huge supporter of the CGSA. He will go out of his way to help colleagues without being asked, is genuine, caring, giving and thoughtful. Paul remains dedicated to continuous self-improvement through continuing education and then his willingness to share information amongst peers, either in person or via technology which makes him highly regarded amongst his colleagues. He works extremely hard to better the superintendent image and to give back in any way he can. It was my distinct pleasure to personally notify Paul about this award and to hear his excitement. Congratulations on this well-deserved award, Paul." **Darren Kalyniuk, CGSA President.** 

"Bayer is thrilled to continue its support of the CGSA/Bayer Superintendent of the Year award again in 2020. This year's recipient, J. Paul Robertson has been recognized by his peers for his hard work and leadership within the industry and we congratulate him on being selected to receive this distinguished award. Bayer is proud of the long-term partnership we have forged with the CGSA and their membership and look forward to our continued collaboration. Congratulations Paul, "said the Head of Bayer Environmental Science Canada, Brian Rosenberg.

"Thank you to the Members, Board and Staff of the CGSA for selecting me as your CGSA/Bayer Superintendent of the Year. When I think back to all those recipients before me, I am humbled. We are an industry full of exceptional professionals, outstanding local and national supporting associations like the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association, with the freedom to pursue our dreams in the greatest country in the world. What more could anyone hope for!

Thank you CGSA and Bayer, for your support, leadership, and commitment to the Golf Course Superintendent." **Paul Robertson, Superintendent, Victoria Golf Course** 

As the CGSA/Bayer Superintendent of the Year winner, Paul will receive the following:

- Paul and his companion will receive an "All-Access" registration to *The Canadian* Golf Course Management Virtual Conference;
- A site visit with a written agronomic report from a Bayer Green Solution Specialist;
- Including a \$5,000 Bayer plant protection package for the golf course; and
- A trip for two to attend a Bayer educational opportunity that would include golf.

Paul has been a CGSA member since 2008. He served as the BCGSA President in 2018 and was the CGSA Gordon Witteveen winner in 2015 where he donated the money won to the CGSA Scholarship fund. He has sat on numerous committees for both the CGSA and the BCGSA.

For the past 20 plus years Paul has brought some of the highest standards to Victoria Golf Club, from conditioning, training, technology, and innovation. He has hosted the Golf Canada 2014 World Junior Qualifier (2014), Canadian Mid-Amateur National Championship (2018), the PGA of Canada Championship (2016), PGA of BC Head Professional Championship (2018), the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Cup (2007) and the PNGA Senior Women's (2011).

"In addition to leading a world class golf club for over 20 years, Mr. Paul Robertson has opened doors to his club, his contacts and his staff in any way he can to promote and support the Canadian golf course management profession. His drive to better himself both personally and professionally rubs off on everyone he surrounds himself with. We have been fortunate to see this drive first-hand and are aware that it's impossible not to get dragged upwards in Paul's pursuit to achieve more.

He has been able to elevate him and his team while knowing when it's appropriate to sit back and listen to opinions of others. The positive attention he has brought to Victoria Golf Club, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and Canada amongst world renowned professionals in our industry has elevated all of us." Jamie Robb, AGS, Immediate Past President, BC Golf Superintendents Association and Superintendent, Marine Drive GC

Mr. Robertson will be recognized on March 2, 2021 during The Canadian Golf Course Management Conference.

Congratulations to Paul on being named CGSA/Bayer Superintendent of the Year for 2020!

This award is completely funded by Bayer – a **PLATINUM** sponsor of the CGSA. Thanks to Bayer for its partnership with the CGSA.

## About CGSA:

The CGSA represents golf course superintendents, assistant superintendents, equipment technicians, and others involved in golf course management across Canada. CGSA was founded in 1966 and has approximately 1,000 members. Its mission is to promote excellence in golf course management and environmental responsibility through the continuing professional development of its members. For more information please visit <u>www.golfsupers.com</u>.

## About Bayer:

Bayer Environmental Science is a leader in the turf and ornamental industry in Canada. Bayer is dedicated to the research, development and marketing of plant production products that provide customers with first choice solutions to protect and care for the environment, in which we all live, work and play. For more information please visit <u>www.bayeres.ca</u>.

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