VICTORIA, BC – Victoria’s downtown Langley Street Loo has been selected as a finalist for Cintas’ 2012 Canada’s Best Restroom Contest. The five finalist restrooms will now go to a public vote to choose the winner. The public is invited to vote for their favourite loo online at www.bestrestroom.com/canada through to October 12.

The restroom that receives the most votes will be crowned the “2012 King of the Throne”. Victoria’s competition includes four other restrooms: one in Montreal, two in Toronto, and one in Vancouver.

The Langley Street Loo is located on Langley Street near Bastion Square. It was installed in November 2011, replacing the temporary urinal provided to the public on weekend nights. The Langley Street Loo is a permanent facility, designed to be more cost effective over the long term and provide greater accessibility to all users 24 hours a day. It is cleaned four times a day and as needed.

The ready-made stainless steel facility was purchased from the City of Portland for $90,000. It features solar powered lighting, a unisex toilet, exterior hand washing station and graffiti proof coating. Portland has installed several of these washrooms in their downtown over the past two years. The success of the washrooms has been attributed to their unique and open design.

Another public facility, the City’s permanent, freestanding urinal located at Government Street and Pandora Avenue, was recognized in 2010 by the International Downtown Association with a Downtown Pinnacle Award for its work in designing an innovative solution to a common urban issue. It has proven to be successful in terms of safety and cleanliness since it was install in 2009.

*Please find attached Cintas’ 2012 Canada’s Best Restroom Contest media release

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