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ANNOUNCING 2021 NEXSTREAM TECH COMPETITION WINNERS

The City of Campbell River's economic development department and the Campbell River Area Angel Group (CRAAG) have announced finalists and prize recipients of the second annual NexStream Tech Competition at an online finale. A combined total of more than $2 million in investments has been made available to the winners through their participation in the NexStream Tech Competition.

Congratulations to all the finalists:

- AazeinTx, Gordon Anderson (Calgary, A.B.)
- aux box, Landon Sheck (Parksville, B.C.)
- AVA Technologies Inc., Valerie Song (Vancouver, B.C.)
- Heal Mary, Cassandra Hui (Vancouver, B.C.)
- MintGreen, Jenn Zee and Colin Sullivan (Burnaby, B.C.)
- Open Ocean Robotics, Julie Angus (Victoria, B.C.)
- Rootd, Ania Wysocka (Vancouver Island, B.C.)

The winners are:

- AazeintTx, Gordon Anderson (Calgary, A.B.), Health and Emergency Preparedness category
- AVA Technologies Inc., Valerie Song (Vancouver, B.C.), Food Security category
- MintGreen, Jenn Zee and Colin Sullivan (Burnaby, B.C.), Sustainable Resource Innovation category
- Open Ocean Robotics, Julie Angus (Victoria, B.C.), Wildcard category
- Rootd, Ania Wysocka (Vancouver Island, B.C.), Community Service award, RBC Royal Bank sponsor

"CRAAG is pleased to announce that Rootd received our special community impact award sponsored by RBC Royal Bank," Rick Segal, a member of CRAAG, said. *"Rootd is an anxiety awareness and healing mobile application that gives the user a variety of coping mechanisms, education, and other exercises to help reduce the impact of anxiety and panic attacks. With hundreds of thousands of users, Rootd has jumped to the top of anxiety relief apps across multiple platforms."*

"We are delighted to announce these five winners of NexStream 2.0. They stood out even within an impressive field of more than 60 initial entrants spanning a wide range of technological innovation," Dr. David Baar, a member of CRAAG, said. *"We were very pleased to see excellent progress by all the entrants during the competition—especially given the additional challenges of our pandemic circumstances. This brings the second annual NexStream Tech Competition to a very successful conclusion."*

"The City is advancing and enriching a local innovation economy through Campbell River's own NexStream Tech Competition," Mayor Andy Adams said. *"The talented teams of participants, and the tremendous range of skills, experience and insights that they bring to the competition's industry-related challenges is most impressive. Congratulations to all of this year's remarkable finalists and prize winners!"*

View the online finale at techatchery.ca. Finalists and winners will continue to be featured on the NexStream Tech Competition website (nexstream.is) after the finale.

The City and CRAAG gratefully acknowledge the following sponsors and community partners for their ongoing support of the NexStream Tech Competition: CR Lawyers, Foresight, Moeller Matthews, Pacific Sands Beach Resort, RBC Royal Bank, Salmon Capital Holdings, Shelter Point Distillery, Spring and Study Build.

The third annual NexStream Tech Competition will launch later this year.

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About the NexStream Tech Competition

The NexStream Tech Competition was founded in 2019 through a partnership between the City of Campbell River Economic Development and the Campbell River Area Angel Group. Based in Campbell River, B.C., this international competition aims to cultivate creative solutions to challenges faced by the region's industries, with a focus on clean, sustainable technology. These challenges are relevant to industries worldwide. Challenge categories vary each year.

Winners of the first NexStream Tech Competition received commitments of investment funding with a combined value of more than $700,000.

Finalists:

- AazeinTx: https://aazeintx.com/
- aux box: https://www.auxbox.ca/
- AVA Technologies Inc.: https://avagrows.com/
- Heal Mary: https://healmaryapp.com/
- MintGreen: https://mintgreen.co/
- Open Ocean Robotics: https://openoceanrobotics.com/
- Rootd: https://www.rootd.io/

Winners:

- AazeinTx: https://aazeintx.com/
- AVA Technologies Inc.: https://avagrows.com/
- MintGreen: https://mintgreen.co/
- Open Ocean Robotics: https://openoceanrobotics.com/
- Rootd: https://www.rootd.io/

COVID-19

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We are gradually – carefully – resuming in-person services and limited public access to City facilities.
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Reach us with general inquiries by email (info@campbellriver.ca) or telephone 250-286-5700.