Prestigious AIBC Awards Recognize Architectural Excellence in B.C. for 2016

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) is proud to recognize 13 B.C. architectural projects at the closing ceremony of the 2016 AIBC Annual Conference on May 18 from 7-9 p.m. The 2016 AIBC Architectural Awards were presented in four categories.

The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia Awards in Architecture were established to recognize excellence in completed architectural projects led or designed by AIBC members. This year, two projects will receive the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia Award in Architecture – Medal:

- Telus Garden by Henriquez Partners Architects
- Guildford Aquatic Centre by Bing Thom Architects in association with Shape Architecture

Seven exceptional projects by B.C. architects will receive Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia Awards in Architecture – Merit Level:

- York House Senior School by Acton Ostry Architects Inc.
- Centennial College Ashtonbee Campus Student Hub
- MNP Tower by the Musson Cattell Mackey Partnership in association with Kohn Pederson Fox
- Rough House by Measured Architecture Inc.
- Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre by HCMA Architecture + Design
- Jasper Place Library by HCMA Architecture + Design in joint venture with Dub Architects
- Fort McMurray Airport, International Airport Terminal by mcfarlane biggar architects + designers (project started at predecessor firm mcfarlane, green, bigger architecture and design.)

Recognizing achievements that are not strictly ‘architectural’, but that have a direct bearing on the future of architecture, one project will receive the AIBC Innovation Award in 2016:

Surrey Operations Centre by Taylor Kurtz Architecture + Design Inc. and Rounthwaite, Dick & Hadley Architects
The **AIBC Emerging Firm Award** recognizes the development, success and contributions of emerging architectural firms and is given to those who have shown exemplary promise, clear vision and defined goals in the practice of architecture. In 2016, the award will go to:

- marianne amodio architecture studio

The **AIBC Special Jury Award** is given for exceptional achievement, selected from all awards submissions and determined by the jury.

- **Special Jury Award for Heritage Retention and Modernization** awarded to Shaughnessy House by Measured Architecture Inc.
- **Special Jury Award for Contextual Innovation** goes to 2211 Cambie by Arno Matis Architecture Inc. and Azurean Architecture

This year’s award-winning projects represent significant contributions in the area of green building, in addition to excellence in other areas of design.

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**About the AIBC**

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) is an independent, professional self-regulatory body established in 1920 by provincial statute (the *Architects Act*) with the mandate to regulate the profession of architecture on behalf of the public. For more information about the AIBC, please visit www.aibc.ca.

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**2016 Architectural Awards Backgrounder**

**Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia Award in Architecture – Medals (2)**

**Telus Garden**

Firm: Henriquez Partners Architects
Lead Design Architect: Peter Lawrence Wood Architect
AIBC MRAIC

Photo: Ed White

The TELUS Garden Office Tower is part of a development transforming an entire city block of downtown Vancouver into a vibrant, sustainable and complete community.
**Guildford Aquatic Centre**

Firm: Bing Thom Architects in association with Shape Architecture

Lead Design Architect: Bing Thom Architect AIBC CM FRAIC AIA LLD

Photo: Ema Peter

The City of Surrey’s Guildford Aquatic Centre is a 75,000 square foot expansion to the existing Guildford Recreation Centre. The new Aquatic Centre is a recreation and therapeutic aquatic destination, providing training opportunities for swimming, water polo, and other aquatic sports as well as the capacity to host competitive swimming events. The unique architectural and urban design features of the Aquatic Centre provide the community of Guildford with a world class facility and a landmark building.

**Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia Award in Architecture – Merit Level (7)**

**York House Senior School**

Firm: Acton Ostry Architects Inc.

Lead Design Architects: Mark Ostry Architect AIBC AAA SAA OAA FRAIC and Russell Acton Architect AIBC AAA SAA OAA FRAIC

Photo: Michael Elkan

Founded in 1932, York House is a leading independent all-girls K-12 day school with a campus that occupies an entire block in the heart of the Shaughnessy residential neighbourhood of Vancouver. Drawing on the rich history of West Coast Modernism with a material palette of textured concrete, wood, glass and limestone, the York House Senior School’s contemporary architecture grants the surrounding campus a clear identity as a dynamic learning place within a unique community.

**Centennial College Ashtonbee Campus Student Hub**

Firm: MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects Ltd. (MJMA)

Lead Design Architects: Ted Watson Architect AIBC OAA AAA SAA MRAIC SCUP LEED AP; Robert Allen OAA MRAIC SCUP LEED AP and Chris Burbidge OAA

Photo: Shai Gil
Centennial College’s Ashtonbee Campus Student Hub—the largest transportation school in Canada—required renewal to accommodate a growing student population and to revitalize its 1970’s site.

The student hub for this transportation campus was conceived as a figurative and literal ‘bridge’ – creating a kaleidoscopic campus gateway engaging pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The project was designed to LEED Gold requirements and conforms to the Toronto Green Standards.

MNP Tower
Firm: Musson Cattell Mackey Partnership in association with Kohn Pederson Fox
Lead Design Architects: Josh Chaiken AIA and Mark Whitehead Architect AIBC Architect AAA MRAIC (Assoc) AIA
Photo: Tim Griffith
The MNP Tower is defined by its unique 450 foot form, which responds to waterfront and North Shore views, and mid-block location between three important heritage buildings.

Through efficient functional planning, material reduction, employment of triple glazed curtain wall, and use of new mechanical systems permitting control by individual floors the MNP Tower achieves LEED Gold certification.

Rough House
Firm: Measured Architecture Inc.
Lead Design Architects: Clinton Cuddington Architect AIBC MRAIC and Piers Cunnington Architect AIBC MRAIC
Photo: Ema Peter
Rough House has been referred to as a playground for the architects and those living in it; a spirit of experimentation pervades the project.
Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre
Firm: HCMA Architecture + Design
Lead Design Architect: Darryl Condon Architect AIBC
AAA SAA OAA FRAIC LEED AP
Photo: Ema Peter
Located in South Surrey, Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre (GHAC) joins a neighbourhood with close links to nature and proximity to urban amenities. With growing densification came the need for recreational and community spaces that would promote wellness, learning, healthy living, and athletic excellence. The LEED-certified facility balances pro-athlete capabilities with the needs of recreational users.

Jasper Place Library
Firm: HCMA Architecture + Design in joint venture with Dub Architects
Lead Design Architects: Darryl Condon Architect AIBC
AAA SAA OAA FRAIC LEED AP and Michael Dub AAA
MRAIC LEED AP
Photo: Hubert Kang
Tasked with creating a library to serve as the civic heart of a suburban community, the design needed to respond to the reality that print materials could be made obsolete in an increasingly technological world. Whether or not books will completely disappear from libraries in the coming decades remains uncertain. However, designing a distinct and flexible space to respond to rapidly changing user needs became a crucial programming consideration.

Fort McMurray Airport, International Airport Terminal
Firm: mcfarlane biggar architects + designers (Project started at predecessor firm mcfarlane, green, bigger architecture and design.)
Lead Design Architects: Steve McFarlane Architect AIBC
AAA FRAIC LEED AP and Rob Grant Architect AIBC
Photo: Ema Peter
The terminal was designed to create a meaningful portal for the northern reaches of Alberta.

Several innovations challenge the status quo, including passive solar orientation, super-insulated building envelope assemblies, in-floor radiant heating, displacement ventilation, and sophisticated heat recovery systems. Low-emitting materials are used throughout to promote healthy interior
environments for passengers and employees. More significantly, the building is also distinguished by its early adoption and creative application of a mass timber construction system that envelopes the principal public spaces.

**AIBC Innovation Award (1)**

**Surrey Operations Centre**

Firm: Taylor Kurtz Architecture + Design Inc. and Rounthwaite, Dick & Hadley Architects

Lead Design Architect: Geoff Miller Architect OAA MRAIC LEED AP (RDHA)

Photo: Ema Peter

Comprising a loose group of three structures that mediate between public and industrial urban spaces, this $53M, 157,000sf project completely reconfigures and densifies the City of Surrey’s existing Central Operations Centre and works yard site. It provides a safe, modern and flexible work environment, sets a new design benchmark for this often neglected building type, and celebrates the work of those who build and maintain our municipal infrastructure.

**AIBC Emerging Firm Award (1)**

**marianne amodio architecture studio**

Photo: Janis Nicolay

*marianne amodio architecture studio* was founded in 2010. Amodio launched her firm in June of 2010, working out of her living room before opening up shop in Chinatown in 2013. This award winning firm works to strike a balance between fanciful architecture and functional art. Last year, Amodio won *Western Living’s* Designers of the Year Arthur Erickson Memorial Award.
AIBC Special Jury Award (2)

Shaughnessy House
Firm: Measured Architecture Inc.
Lead Design Architects: Clinton Cuddington Architect AIBC MRAIC and Piers Cunnington Architect AIBC MRAIC
Photo: Andrew Latrielle
This project addresses the question of heritage and what it means in a context of innovation. The Measured Architecture team, led by Clinton Cuddington and Piers Cunnington, were tasked with preserving the Garden City suburb concept built into a 1910 grand Edwardian-era Foursquare house while introducing contemporary interventions to draw the building into the present.

2211 Cambie
Firm: Arno Matis Architecture Inc. and Azurean Architecture
Lead Design Architect: Arno Matis Architect AIBC RAIC
Photo: Michael Elkan
Inspired by the stone quarry of nearby Queen Elizabeth Park and shaped by the energy of the site, 2211 Cambie is a transit-oriented market rental building. Building forms bend and open to increase daylight in courtyards and public spaces. The development was shaped to maximize views from and through the site in anticipation of development to the south and west.

2016 AIBC Architectural Awards Jury
We appreciate this year’s jury, which brought diverse perspectives to the task of evaluating the 2016 submissions:

- Jack Kobayashi Architect AIBC, Kobayashi + Zedda Architects Ltd., Jury Chair
- Norm Shearing Architect AIBC, President, Dockside Green Ltd
- James Bligh Intern Architect AIBC
- Frances Bula, Journalist and Blogger
- Gilbert Larocque, P.Eng., LLB, Associate Director, Professional Practice APEGBC