



Media Release

EIFS Council of Canada announces Judging Panel for the 2018-2019 ECC Architectural Design Awards Program

(January 15, 2019 Toronto, ON) The EIFS Council of Canada (ECC) officially announced the names of those selected for the ECC Architectural Design Awards Judging Panel today.

The Panel will convene in April 2019 to independently select the ECC Architectural Design Awards Program category finalists as well as overall Grand Prize recipient. The Panel may also select up to two honourable mentions in five categories: low rise residential, high rise residential, commercial/retail, recreational/institutional, and renovation/retrofit.

The five members of the Judging Panel for the 2018-19 ECC Architectural Design Awards are as follows:

- Steven Kirshenblatt, Senior Partner, Kirkor Architects and Planners
- Przemyslaw (Shem) Myszkowski, KNYMH Inc.
- Linas Saplys, Saplys Architecture Inc.
- Kazim Kanani, Quadrangle Architects Ltd.
- Robert Silano, Ontech Building Consultants Inc.

The ECC Architectural Design Awards Program was established to recognize design professionals and firms which incorporate EIFS into innovative and creative built projects. The goal of the ECC Awards Program is to create a new benchmark in EIFS construction to assist design professionals in meeting Canada's national objective of delivering resilient, energy efficient, and sustainable buildings.

The Awards Program is open to all architects, architectural firms, builders or design professionals that have designed and completed a building located in Canada which utilizes EIFS. Eligible buildings must be occupied no sooner than January 1st, 2017 and no later than January 31st, 2019.

The deadline for registrations is January 31st, 2019. All applicants that have been deemed eligible have until April 12th, 2019 to prepare their electronic submission packages. **Submissions must be received no later than 12:01am April 12th, 2019.**

Award finalists will be announced on **May 6th, 2019** and will be recognized and celebrated at the EIFS Council of Canada Awards Dinner on June 12, 2019.

For more information on the EIFS Council of Canada Architectural Design Awards Program and full details on categories, registration and submissions, please visit

<http://eifscouncil.org/eifs-design-awards-program>

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For more information, or to schedule interviews, please contact eifsawards@eifscouncil.org

The EIFS Council of Canada (ECC) serves as the “official voice” for the Canadian EIFS industry with a mandate to provide for the advancement and growth of the industry across the country, through advocacy, education and marketing.

The ECC brings together leading National and International companies to form a collaborative network of vested stakeholders. While unifying and advancing industry interests, the ECC also supports individual innovation and entrepreneurial efforts. The ECC is uniquely qualified to draw from its diverse membership profile, enabling it to both explore and strengthen EIFS’ growing building science foundations and end user value-proposition.

Steven Kirshenblatt is a Senior Partner at KIRKOR Architects and Planners. Steven has been a member of the OAA since 1978. As a founding partner of KIRKOR Architects, Steven has influenced a generation of architects in their ability to fully understand complex designs and shepherd their development into successful and responsible buildings. Steven excels at project analysis, expertly applying his 35 years of architecture and construction experience to guide KIRKOR’s projects around the pitfalls of an increasingly complex approvals and construction environment. Steven has a deep understanding of the forces that affect project approvals. More importantly, Steven sees how these forces may immediately affect projects so that our clients may be armed with real-time cause-and-effect outcomes to inform those critical, necessary decisions ahead. He closely monitors changes to regulatory codes, and ensures that the studio remains at the forefront of their interpretation and application. Steven is passionate about clarity of communication, as this influences execution strategies, consultant and approvals management, to the content of issued documentation for critical project milestones. This has always been his priority for KIRKOR in his studio mentorship, and is the legacy KIRKOR continues to build upon.

Przemyslaw (Shem) Myszkowski is a Principal at KNYMH Incorporated. The firm’s legacy goes back 60 years and its focus has always been to develop responsible solutions with full commitment to incorporate environmental sustainability into planning, design and construction practices. KNYMH Inc. has completed hundreds of projects across Ontario with varying complexity and size resulting in exceptional buildings. The firm’s focus is on collaboration with Public/Private sector clients, and consultants for the good of the community by creating projects incorporating distinctive architectural solutions. KNYMH specializes in both high-rise and mid-rise residential but also in retail, emergency services and critical infrastructure, feasibility studies and urban design.

Linas Saplys is the founder and Principal of Saplys Architects Inc. As a graduate of University of Toronto, B.Arch., in 1979 he brings over 40 years of construction/ development management experience and over a billion dollars of construction value in various types of projects: Multi-unit residential, hospitality, commercial retail and industrial buildings working with Canada's top architectural firms In the USA & Canada from Toronto, Ottawa & Calgary. Linas founded SAI in 2010 seeing a direct need in the Hospitality industry for attentive service to this sector of Development. With focus on teamwork, client needs, and talented collaborations SAI produces successful end results to everyone's vision of successful development. Linas' strengths are: Development Planning, Design & Implementation, Consultant Administration and Project Management, Municipal Approval Processes, and Planning /Zoning assessments. From the beginning of every project incepted through SAI, Linas begins to organize his associates in three client categories: Team Assessment, Team Implementation, and Team Management Coordination. This Team approach has greatly favoured the Firm and created successful projects across North America in its short history.

Kazim Kanani, is a Senior Associate at Quadrangle Architects Ltd. At Quadrangle, Kaz is responsible for the development and preparation of specifications, review and evaluation of building materials and overall coordination of contract documents. Bringing over 10 years' experience as both a Specification Writer and Contract Administrator, Kaz's expertise lies in Architectural Specifications, Contract Administration, evaluation of building materials, submittal reviews, coordination of documentation, building materials/systems, applied building science and construction law/contracts. His knowledge and commitment to the industry is leveraged in diverse contributions throughout the professional community with his involvement in organizations such as Construction Specifications Canada, of which he was elected Vice President in 2017. He's also part of the Program Advisory Committee for the School of Construction and Architecture at Humber College.

Robert Silano, is the founder and Principal on Staff for Building Sciences and Restoration at Ontech Building Consultants Inc. since 2003. Robert has over 30 years of experience in building envelope evaluation, thermographic survey, condition assessments, Technical Audits and investigations, Reserve Fund Studies, building restoration, building performance evaluation, glazing system evaluation/testing, parking garages, balcony and railing, roofing and waterproofing technology as well as the development and preparation of project specifications, technical drawing design, review and evaluation of building materials, and overall coordination of contract documents and project management.