



## Media Release

### **EIFS Council of Canada launches their 2020 Architectural Design Awards Program**

**(November 4<sup>th</sup> 2019, Toronto, ON)** The EIFS Council of Canada officially launched its 2020 Architectural Design Awards Program to honour design professionals and firms which incorporate EIFS products into innovative and creative built projects.

The ECC's award-winning projects represent the very best of EIFS projects in Canada. Previous Grand Prize winners include Keystone Architecture and Planning's, "Best Western Merritt," KNYMH Architecture Inc.'s innovative six storey wood structure, "Aquablu Condominiums," and NumberTEN Architectural Group's beautiful school project, "Enchokay Birchstick School,". This year, the EIFS Council encourages all architects, design professionals, and contractors to submit their recent EIFS projects for the opportunity to be selected as the Grand Prize recipient.

"The EIFS Council of Canada is pleased to continue to recognize and honour projects that have used EIFS in an innovative way," remarked John M. Garbin, President/ CEO of the EIFS Council of Canada, "We developed this Awards Program with the objective of creating a new benchmark in EIFS construction. The finalists and winners from the past few years have proven that EIFS buildings will help realize Canada's national objective of creating resilient, sustainable and aesthetically pleasing buildings."

The Awards Program is open to all architects, architectural firms, builders or design professionals that have designed and completed a project located in Canada that utilizes EIFS. Eligible projects must be occupied no sooner than January 1st, 2018 and no later than January 31st, 2020. All applicants may submit their projects in one of seven categories: 1) low rise residential, 2) mid rise residential, 3) high rise residential, 4) commercial/retail, 5) recreational/institutional, 6) Hospitality, and 7) renovation.

**Registrations to determine eligibility are open until January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.** All eligible applicants will then have until April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 to prepare their electronic submission packages. **Final submission packages must be received no later than 11:59 PM, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.**

Award finalists will be announced on **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. All Award finalists will be announced in a Press Release and featured in articles submitted to prominent Canadian architectural and construction publications. The recipients will be selected by a renowned jury of industry experts from a variety of building industry disciplines. The jury will consider the submissions in relation to a range of established

criteria to decide on a winning project. Award recipients will be honoured at the EIFS Council of Canada Annual General Meeting and Awards Dinner on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

For more information on the EIFS Council of Canada Architectural Design Awards Program, please visit

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

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*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.*