



Media Release

EIFS Council of Canada announces distinguished Judging Panel for 2019-2020 ECC Architectural Design Awards Program

(March 18th 2020, Toronto, ON) The EIFS Council of Canada (ECC) is pleased to formally announce this years ECC Architectural Design Awards Judging Panel.

The Awards Panel will convene in early May 2020 to review and 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 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/retrofit.

The five distinguished members of the Judging Panel for the 2019-20 ECC Architectural Design Awards are as follows:

- Dr. Ted Kesik, Professor of Building Science, John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, University of Toronto
- Robert Murphy, President, Murphy Partners Seniors Housing Architects
- Eric Poxleitner, Senior Architect Principal, Keystone Architecture and Planning
- Nick Swerdfeger, Principal, Barry Bryan Associates
- Anthony Zagaria, Architect, LLA ARCHITECTURE+

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 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.

The deadline for project submissions must be received no later than 11:59 PM, April 3rd, 2020.

Award finalists will be announced on **May 15th, 2020** and will be recognized and celebrated at the EIFS Council of Canada Awards Dinner on June 10th, 2020 at the ECC's Annual General Meeting being held in Toronto.

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.

Dr. Ted Kesik is a professor of building science in the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design at the University of Toronto with a career focus on the integration of professional practice, research and teaching. He entered the construction industry in 1974 and has since gained extensive experience in various aspects of building enclosure design, energy modeling, quality assurance, commissioning, performance verification, and building systems integration. Professor Kesik's research interests include resilience, sustainability, durability, high performance buildings, life cycle assessment and building performance simulation. His current research involves the development of design guidelines for low-carbon buildings that are resilient, sustainable and promote climate change adaptation. Dr. Kesik continues to practice as a consulting engineer to leading architectural offices, forward thinking enterprises and progressive government agencies.

Robert Murphy is a Principal Architect at Murphy Partners Seniors Housing Architects. Bob has a Bachelor of Environmental Studies and Architecture from the University of Waterloo and founded his practice in 1985. With experience in commercial, residential, and mixed-use properties, Bob found his niche with his very first seniors housing project in 1985. Since then, he has spent 35 years honing his craft, both in design and in creatively approaching projects with the skills and knowledge of a specialist architect. Bob's passion for providing beautiful, safe, functional housing for seniors comes from his life-long admiration for the "greatest generation" - and his charitable work shows it. As a licensed pilot, Bob owns a refurbished WW2 Tiger Moth bi-plane, which he uses to donate flights to fundraising auctions for charitable organizations like the Alzheimer's Society and the Veterans Wing at Sunnybrook Hospital.

Eric Poxleitner is a Senior Architect and Principal at Keystone Architecture & Planning in Abbotsford, BC and his impressive portfolio spans over 25 years throughout Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. Eric's diverse background in architectural practice and project management includes experience predominantly in commercial, institutional, multi-residential and industrial projects. As a LEED® accredited architect, Eric emphasizes integrity in design quality and sustainability as well as encourages and guides Keystone's vision to be a leader within the Fraser Valley of sustainable design advocacy, education and implementation. Keystone Architecture has built its reputation on integrity, honesty and a commitment to the communities they work with and remain steadfast in their values as they continue to improve upon designs, pushing for spaces that merge innovation with functionality.

Nick Swerdfeger is a Partner and Principal Architect at Barry Bryan Associates with fifteen years experience in the industry. Nick's experience through multiple areas within the field of architecture with strong focus on building science has helped him develop his professional career forward within the architectural industry in Canada. Currently Nick's focus has been developing a collaborative design environment Barry Bryan Associates, incorporating research with practice, through many design attributes and projects. This focus of collaborative design and Integrated Project Design Methodology (IDP) has been a key in strengthening design opportunities, project execution and delivery at Barry Bryan Associates. Through his experience and participation in many public forums, Nick has also been a proponent of pushing 'good design' for developing the built environment as we all challenge ourselves in design with an emphasis on climate awareness.

Anthony Zagaria's early encounter with architecture started with a visit to his parent's native country of Italy. Fascinated by the Romansque's vast piazzas, monumental structures and delicate sculptural details, Anthony had made it his goal early on to become an architect. Anthony attended and graduated from Ryerson University with a Bachelor's of Architectural Science. He then continued his education at the State University of New York, finally graduating with a Master's Degree of Architecture by the year 2000. Since then, he has accumulated over 20 years of experience in the field with licenses in multiple provinces across Canada. Today, Anthony is the principal of LLA Architecture+ Inc. and seeks to leave his own legacy in the world of architecture. One such building in his continuing legacy is the retail renovation at Shoppers World Brampton. Awarded as a finalist for 2019's ECC EIFS Design Awards, Anthony looks forward to seeing creative new designs with EIFS for this year's, 2020 Awards.