



Berkebile to speak at Fredericton Festival of Architecture

SAINT JOHN and OTTAWA January 31, 2008 - More than 400 architects are expected to gather in Fredericton June 25-28, 2008 and just one of the reasons will be keynote speaker Bob Berkebile, FAIA, a leading authority in sustainable design and founding chair of the American Institute of Architects' Committee on the Environment.

"Bob was a pioneer in sustainable design and continues to be at the forefront of our profession by continuously leading with new ideas. We are particularly pleased as he was instrumental in forming the US Green Building Council. This effort was greatly admired by the RAIC and in fact emulated as we decided to incubate the Canada Green Building Council, which has since grown and continues to expand across Canada," said **Kiyoshi Matsuzaki, FRAIC**, Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) President. "This is personally a treat because Bob has become a guru to my partner in architectural practice and my wife, Eva and I. I hope many architects take the time to come to Fredericton to hear Bob and join us for the Architects' Association of New Brunswick - RAIC Conference and Festival of Architecture."

In announcing the keynote, **Gaye Kaplan, MRAIC**, AANB President and co-chair of the festival said, "I am delighted that Mr. Berkebile will be our keynote speaker and I look forward to hearing him speak on his view of architecture as part of a living system called earth, where neighbourhoods need to respond to their environment just as a living system does by embracing our climate, solar exposure, earth, water and landscape."

Berkebile is a Principal with BNIM Architects and highly regarded by fellow professionals for creating beautiful environments that are restorative and pedagogical. He has conducted numerous sustainable design charrettes and workshops for the White House, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, to name just a few.

Together RAIC and AANB will be hosting the annual national Conference and Festival of Architecture June 25-28, 2008 themed *Steering the Current*.

The Architects' Association of New Brunswick is a corporate self-regulating body, established in 1933, for the purpose of advancing and maintaining the standards of architecture in New Brunswick, for governing and regulating those offering architectural services and for the safeguarding of members of the general public and the profession.

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada is a voluntary national association established in 1907 as the voice for architecture and its practice in Canada. Representing almost 3,700 architects, the RAIC provides the national framework for the development and recognition of architectural excellence.

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