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The next 100 years: Healthy Buildings, Healthy Communities

An OAA/RAIC Conference and Festival of Architecture

OTTAWA Oct. 10, 2006 – Planning has already begun for the OAA/RAIC Conference and Festival to be held in Toronto May 9 -12, 2007.

This year's conference explores the fact Canadian cities, and indeed all cities around the world, are in a crisis. This crisis means uncontrolled growth, traffic congestion, sprawl, lack of a sense of community, sick buildings, poor air quality and the production of green house gases that contribute to climate change. The Centre for Disease Control and others predict that for the first time children will not live as long as their parents. Climate change is affecting the world and humankind in ways never predicted.

Architects are ideally positioned to take the lead in turning around this crisis, creating better buildings and better communities and in turn ameliorate the effects of climate change. The next 100 years, the second century for the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, will be critical for mankind and our civilization. Architects as visionaries, leaders and designers of buildings and communities, must rise to this challenge.

Architects from around the world will come together in Toronto to engage in debate discussing how to:

- Improve the quality of life for Canadians
- Achieve sustainability
- Contribute to and enrich Canadian culture and heritage
- Promote innovation, research and improve building technology

To date two confirmed speakers are setting the tone for the gathering.

- **Lord Norman Foster**, leader of one of the world's most respected design firms, has lectured throughout the world and taught architecture in the United Kingdom and US.
- **Prof. Francine Houben**, architect-director of Mecanoo architects in Delft (The Netherlands) is one of Europe's most active architects with many publications, conferences, exhibitions and the curatorship of the First International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam



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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 more than 3,500 architects, the RAIC provides the national framework for the development and recognition of architectural excellence.

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