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ARCHITECTURE CANADA, BRITISH COLUMBIA ADVOCACY AWARDS

The BC Chapter of Architecture Canada will be presenting their annual 2011 Advocacy Awards to these years outstanding recipients at the Annual Awards Dinner.

Date: Wednesday October 12 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan St., Vancouver. BC.

These annual awards celebrate contributions made by architects, emerging practitioners and the general public in the advocacy of architecture in Metro Vancouver and BC. This year we are presenting the awards to an outstanding group of Citizens who, through their vision and extraordinary efforts, have made a significant contribution to our society. As a result of their leadership and dedication, our lives are richer, our communities more sustainable and our cities more vibrant. The goal of the Advocates for Architecture Awards is to recognize architectural professionals, emerging practitioners and members of our community whose efforts have increased society's awareness and appreciation of the significant role architecture plays in our lives. With these awards, we celebrate those whose work and dedication to improving the built environment, have made a difference and who might not be recognized through traditional architectural award programs.

We invite you to come and celebrate with us the contributions made by these individuals towards the advocacy of Architecture in British Columbia.

The recipients for this years Architecture Canada BC awards are:

1. Dianne Watts, Mayor of Surrey

Mayor Watts has a unique sensitivity and knowledge of urban design concerns, has compiled and implemented the City of Surrey's "Sustainability Charter." Moreover, the mayor has also championed sister, non-design awards for sustainability, beautification, social planning and clean energy initiatives. Her brand of civic leadership includes forming partnerships with other levels of government and the private sector in order to build healthy, vibrant communities.

She has implemented several key strategies including the Build Surrey Program, the most comprehensive capital works plan in Surrey's history. And, last year the City launched Townshift, the largest ideas design competition ever sponsored by a Canadian municipality.

Mayor Watts believes that innovative architecture has the ability to shape a city's identity and create the heart and soul of a community.

2. Robert Lemon, MAIBC, Heritage Architect

Much of the work of Robert Lemons work is devoted to restoration, rehabilitation and heritage consulting. He has shown exemplary and tireless work as a professional and civil servant in a wide range of architecture and urban design specifically for his interest in heritage conservation, restoration, and renewal in the continued development of our cities and our country.

3. Greg Bellerby, Director, Curator. Charles Scott Gallery, Emily Carr University

Greg Bellerby has been a staunch advocate of buildings, cities and architecture. During his thirty years as a curator and gallery director Greg Bellerby has organized well over a hundred exhibitions of Canadian and International artists, architects and designers and has written and published many catalogues on their work.

4. Cheryl Cooper, Director, Art Consultant, Art Historian.

Much of Cheryl Coopers' advocacy work is behind the scenes. This is partly the nature of advocacy work, which needs to be consistent, persistent, ongoing, and patient. Ms. Cooper has focused a large part of her Career on the legacy of Arthur C. Erickson, the Museum of Anthropology and Robson Square of which both buildings were recently awarded a Prix Du Siècle with Architecture Canada.

5. Susan Ng Chung, Teacher, Prince of Wales Secondary School

Susan is a catalyst for youth energy and enthusiasm for the environment and she promotes architecture as ecological education in a variety of contexts to encourage youth to think positively about the future. Susan has put architects and designers in contact with students to inspire them to create positive change. She has committed herself to students, teaching colleagues and to sustainable design. While encourage them in their advocacy of the social art of architecture as a guide and agent for sustainable design.

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Keynote presentation by Gregory Henriquez, FRAIC, speaks on "The Inclusive City"

In the past we have honored and awarded ;

- Gordon Price, the Director of The City Program at Simon Fraser University.
- Dr. Michael Stevenson, President and Vice-Chancellor Simon Fraser University.
- The West Vancouver Museum:
 - Darrin Morrison, Director / Curator
 - Kiriko Watanabe, Assistant Curator
 - Isaac Vanderhorst, Museum Educator
- Trevor Duncan Boddy, Architecture Critic
- Steven Cox, founding principal and the Design Director of Cause+Effect.
- Kiyoshi Matsuzaki, Architect
- Stanley King, MRAIC
- Donald Luxton, MRAIC, Heritage Consultant
- Peeroj Thakre, MAIBC

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