



**May 2005**

### **OAA Conference - May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> - OAAAS Will Be There**

Drop by the OAAAS booth to introduce yourself if you are in the neighbourhood (downtown Toronto at the Sheraton Centre) on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> or Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. OAAAS President Gene Stodolak and other members of the OAAAS Board of Directors will be there at various intervals to represent OAAAS at the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) Conference. As well, I will be there along with Sam DiGiandomenico, OAAAS Registrar, and Sherry Machan, OAAAS Admissions Coordinator. This will be a good opportunity to meet us, ask questions, and pick up OAAAS information material for your colleagues, your staff, and yourself.

### **OAA Conference Theme**

#### ***Great Architecture – Great Cities***

OAA Conference 2005

May 11 - 14, 2005

Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

The focus on urban communities and related issues continues to grow...a renewed public interest in architecture, urban sprawl, the environment and livable cities are all hot topics that are instigating societal concern and invigorating a call for creative solutions. What makes a great city and what role does the architect play in it? Find out at the OAA Conference; special events are open to the public. And of course, as an OAAAS member, you are affiliated with OAA and all the benefits that are associated with membership. With the wide appeal of this conference, delegates are encouraged from a diverse range of interests, experiences and viewpoints. Be sure to be a part of it and help to rejuvenate a focus on the importance of architects and building design professionals in creating great cities.

There are still seats available for two interesting luncheon speakers on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Register now for a great lineup of special events that are open to the public: You can register by visiting the OAA website at <http://www.oaa.on.ca/>.

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> the Opening Keynote Luncheon with Will Alsop, from 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm**

You won't want to miss William Alsop, Professor of the University of Vienna and the London Institute speak about how his work in Middlesbrough and Bradford in the UK, the Netherlands and now in Canada has provided him with a perspective as to how we can begin to look critically at our cities and how we can best shape them for the future.

Alsop & Partners is a leading European architectural, urban planning and multimedia practice based in London, with additional offices in Toronto, Singapore and Shanghai. Over the last twenty years the award-winning practice has built extensively across Europe and in Russia and established an international reputation for buildings that bring merit to their location and joy to their users.

Alsop's guiding principle is the notion that joy must be allowed to pervade every sector of the work by increasing fluidity and transparency for the layman; a new and refreshing position for architecture worldwide.

Alsop forms localised responses in his work, which extend beyond the project site to include the canvas of street and town, users and history. This attention centres on personal experience of the brief, the client, and an attempt to draw out aspirations rather than impose solutions.

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> the Friday Keynote Luncheon with Glen Murray, from 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm**

As the former Mayor of Winnipeg Glen Murray is best known for his vision to build culturally dynamic urban centres. He inspires audiences across Canada, and in the United States to look at cities as the economic engines of the country that must be built on a foundation of culture and diversity. He understands from practical and extensive experience in municipal government that Canadian cities must take care of their pipes, potholes and police. He adds it is essential for community leaders to make room in their planning and budgeting to create exciting centres that value creativity, if Canada is to compete in the global market.

As the former Mayor of Winnipeg, his vision is anchored in practical and very successful experience on the council floor, working with business and union leaders, working in partnership with other levels of government and alongside Winnipeg's arts, culture and architectural community. It led him to create a fiscally conservative municipal government that still had the vision to support exciting developments for Winnipeg. In that time Winnipeg realized a new downtown Millennium Library; a new downtown arena and entertainment complex The MTS Centre; the landmark two-span bridge Esplanade Louis Riel and a special fund for public art. He also inspired several international design competitions in partnership with leading Winnipeg architects and the University of Manitoba. The competitions attracted architects from around the world who competed to design a new bridge, redesign the famous windy corner of Portage and Main and craft a new look for a water front development project.

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada recognized Glen's passion and commitment to architecture and made him an honorary member in 2002.

Today Glen Murray is the Research Associate for the Centre for Urban and Community Studies and a Visiting Scholar & Urban Policy Coordinator at the University of Toronto. He was a Distinguished Visitor at Massey College in the fall of 2004. He sits as a member of the Task Force on Creativity and the Public Service for the Government of Canada. He is a business partner in the consulting firm The Glen Murray Group that works with clients in public and private sector and with Canada's arts and culture community, on urban strategies for Canadian cities. He has recently been asked by the federal government to Chair the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy.

### **OACETT Conference and Annual General Meeting**

The OACETT Conference and Annual General Meeting are being held in Windsor this year from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Hotel. Information will be available soon. Mark your calendars now; there are functions and events for the whole family.

### **The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO)**

The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) is the only self-regulatory professional organization for interior designers in Ontario.

You may be interested to know that ARIDO will host Canada's largest exposition and conference for the design and management of interior environments, IIDEX/NeoCon Canada. Attracting 15,000 from the design industry and business community each year, IIDEX/NeoCon Canada delivers the latest Architectural Products that may interest you as a building design professional. Products include wall systems, lighting, signage, directories, ceiling systems, sound control, millwork and moldings, window films, blinds, glass, stone and interior and exterior specialty products. Special features include Exposure to Light and the Terrazzo Tile and Marble Showcase.

The 2005 show dates are Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will take place in the National Trade Centre at Exhibition Place in downtown Toronto.

For additional details, go to <http://www.iidexneocon.com/>

ARIDO has over 1,800 registered and intern interior designers as members who represent all areas of specialty in interior design, such as: corporate, residential, retail, hospitality and institutional. ARIDO has in total a membership of over 3,300 registered, intern, affiliated, and student members.

## **Bill 124 - Changes to the Building Regulatory System**

You may be interested in reviewing the following websites for information relating to Bill 124:

Article: *Will Ontario's Bill 124 halt new water and wastewater projects?*  
[www.esemag.com/0305/bill124.html](http://www.esemag.com/0305/bill124.html)

Information: *OAA Building Code Designation System (BCDS) update re: Bill 124 amendments to the Building Code effective July 1, 2005*  
[www.oaa.on.ca/](http://www.oaa.on.ca/)

Visit the Ontario Building Code section of the MMAH Web site at:  
[www.obc.mah.gov.on.ca](http://www.obc.mah.gov.on.ca)

Over the last few months, OAAAS members have enquired about Bill 124 and how it relates to them specifically. Please remember that once you qualify as a Licensed Technologist OAA, you are in fact an Architect (with terms, conditions, and limitations), and you will qualify to be on the OAA Registry.

We will do our best to obtain the answers to your questions from OAA in a timely fashion, and if applicable to the OAAAS membership, publish them in this Newsletter for all members to see. You may contact the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) directly:

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## **Membership Recruitment**

The word is getting out about the Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS) to technologists, technicians, and members of other associations. We have been inundated with requests from individuals who are interested in becoming members of OAAAS, and the career opportunities that are available for building design professionals. Thank you for doing your part in promoting the benefits of OAAAS membership to your colleagues and friends.

Joining OAAAS is a wise move for building designers; it offers recognition in the architectural field that one cannot obtain elsewhere. If you are in a firm or company that has employees that would benefit from OAAAS membership, please contact me and I will be pleased to arrange a meeting to discuss OAAAS membership with you and your colleagues. Also, you may wish to contact Sherrie Machan, Admissions Co-ordinator, for an OAAAS information package, 416-621-9621 ext.234, fax 416-621-8694, [smachan@oacett.org](mailto:smachan@oacett.org).

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