Ontario Buildings Receive Additional Honours at OAA Awards Gala

TORONTO, May 29, 2017 – Following another year of innovation, creativity and bold design, the Ontario Association of Architects gathered to celebrate the very best the industry had to offer at this year’s Ceremony of Excellence in Ottawa.

In addition to the announcement of the 10 winners of the Design Excellence Award, OAA announced the winners of the Michael V. and Wanda Plachta Award for projects under $8 million, the Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Design Excellence in Architecture, and the People’s Choice Award, which is voted on by the general public.

- **Michael V. and Wanda Plachta Award**
  Rosemary Residence, Toronto, ON
  Kohn Shnier Architects

- **Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Design Excellence in Architecture**
  River City - Phase 1 & 2, Toronto, ON
  Saucier + Perrotte Architectes / ZAS Architects Inc., in joint venture

- **People’s Choice Award**
  Queen Richmond Centre West, 134 Peter Street, Toronto, ON
  Sweeny &Co Architects Inc.

“All of this year’s OAA Awards Winners truly represent the innovative thinking, design and solutions architects bring to communities across Ontario,” said John Stephenson, OAA President. “The use of the winning buildings this year also shows how responsive architects are to the evolving needs of communities throughout Ontario and the world.”

The OAA congratulated and awarded this year’s winners at the RAIC/OAA Celebration of Excellence at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa. This year’s event brought together the province’s top architects, industry experts and honorary guests.

The full list of previously announced Design Excellence, Best Emerging Practice, Concept, Landmark Designation, G. Randy Roberts Service Award, and Order of da Vinci winners is below.

**2017 OAA Awards – List of Winners**

**Design Excellence**

- **Boulevard Club West Wing Replacement**
  Toronto, ON
  Teeple Architects Inc.

- **Centennial College Ashtonbee Campus Library & Student HUB**
  Toronto, ON
  MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects Ltd.

- **Conestoga College Student Recreation Centre**
  Kitchener, ON
  MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects Ltd.

- **Eva’s Phoenix**
  Toronto, ON
  LGA Architectural Partners (formerly Levitt Goodman Architects)
Mike & Ophelia Lazaridis Quantum-Nano Centre, University of Waterloo
Waterloo, ON
KPMB Architects

Queen Richmond Centre West at 134 Peter Street
Toronto, ON
Sweeny &Co. Architects Inc. (formerly Sweeny Sterling Finlayson &Co. Architects Inc.)
Project was commenced by Sweeny Sterling Finlayson &Co. Architects Inc. and completed under Sweeny &Co. Architects Inc.

River City – Phase 1 & 2
Toronto, ON
Saucier + Perrotte Architectes / ZAS Architects Inc., in joint venture

Rosemary Residence
Toronto, ON
Kohn Shnier Architects

Story Pod
Newmarket, ON
Atelier Kastelic Buffey Inc.

Williams Parkway Operations Centre Phase 1
Brampton, ON
Rounthwaite Dick & Hadley Architects Inc.

Best Emerging Practice

blackLAB architects inc.

Concepts

Forwards and Backwards
Jennifer Davis (Intern Architect) and Jon Sasaki

Shobuj Pata – Multi-Unit Residential Development
Studio JCI Inc.

Landmark Designation

Ontario Science Centre
Toronto, ON
Moriyama & Teshima Architects

The Fielding Memorial Chapel of St. Mark, Thornloe University
Sudbury, ON
Arthur Townend & Carl Skerl, Townend Stefura & Baleshta Architects

G. Randy Roberts Service Award

J. William Birdsell

Order of da Vinci

Sheila Penny
About the OAA Awards

The OAA Awards offer the Ontario architectural profession an annual opportunity to present their work to the public and to a professional audience, demonstrating the excellence of both individual award winners and the profession as a whole and fostering a greater appreciation of architecture and architects in the public realm.

About the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA)

The Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) is a self-regulating organization governed by the Architects Act, which is a statute of the Government of Ontario. The OAA’s mission is to represent, regulate, support and promote the profession of architecture in the interest of all Ontarians and to lead the design and delivery of built form in the Province of Ontario.

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