Edmonton Urban Design Awards 2009
Urban Design and architectural excellence play an important role in enhancing the quality of life in Canadian cities.

The City of Edmonton and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) wish to promote a greater awareness of that role. For this reason, an Urban Design Awards program has been established to recognize individuals, organizations, firms and projects that have contributed to enhancing the quality of life in Edmonton.

We invite you to participate in this celebration of excellence.

**Jury Members**

*Ottawa, Ontario*

**Dan Hanganu** | Architect, Dan S. Hanganu Architects  
*Montreal, Quebec*

**Michael Hough** | Landscape Architect, Envision-The Hough Group  
*Toronto, Ontario*

**Tim Jones** | President & CEO , Artscape  
*Toronto, Ontario*

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*Vancouver, British Columbia*
Preface
Designers, developers, sponsors, and owners of projects selected as award winners will receive an Award of Excellence or a certificate of Merit in six categories.

The projects receiving an Award will be eligible for the National RAIC Urban Design Awards to be adjudicated in 2010.

Awards will be presented at a ceremony at Edmonton City Hall in November 2009. Awards will be presented to both consultants and owners.

The awarded projects will be exhibited in Edmonton City Hall and featured on the City of Edmonton and RAIC Web sites.

An Award of Excellence or a certificate of Merit will be given at the sole discretion of the jury. Decisions formed by the jury are final and may not be appealed. There is no limit to the number of awards that may be given. There is no guarantee that any Award of Excellence will be given.

The jury, in conjunction with the Design Award Committee, reserves the right to combine categories of work where the volume of submissions warrants. The jury reserves the right not to award a certificate in any category.

Categories
Urban Design projects will be recognized in the six categories. Each category has different requirements for eligibility and different criteria for selection of an award. Details for each category are outlined in the following pages:
1 Un-Implemented Urban Design Plans

This category is for a plan or a study of a significant area within the municipality that provides a development or redevelopment strategy for urban transformation in the midterm to long-term that has no official status or is approved by the Authority having Jurisdiction but is not implemented. Urban Design studies / guidelines, urban design charrette proposals, site specific zoning bylaws (DC1, DC2), master plans, redevelopment strategies, and community plans (ARP, NSP) of high inspirational value with the potential for significant impact on the city’s development may be submitted.

Eligibility: The plan or study must have been completed after January 1, 2003. However, it should not yet have been implemented.

2 Implemented Urban Design Plans

This category is for an Urban Design Plan, or a Study that has already been approved and physical changes have already started to occur.

Eligibility: The plan, project, or study must have been approved after January 1, 2003, and there should be concrete examples of changes.

3 Urban Architecture

This category is for a building or group of buildings that contribute to, and support an urban design initiative. It will be an individual building or group of buildings of high architectural standard, which achieves urban design excellence through its unique relationship with its immediate surroundings because of its site, massing, and pedestrian amenities. The building will also contribute to defining a special relationship with the neighbouring urban fabric.

Eligibility: A new building, a renovated building, or complex of buildings completed or installed after January 1, 2003 within the City of Edmonton, and designed by an architect.
4 Civic Design Projects
This category is for civic improvement projects such as a park, a public space, civil engineering infrastructure, etc., which have been implemented.

*Eligibility: A construction project completed or installed after January 1, 2003 within the City of Edmonton, and designed by an architect, landscape architect, and/or an engineer.*

5 Urban Fragments
This will involve a single, small-scale piece of a building or landscape that contribute significantly to the quality of the public realm. This category includes small and modest elements such as street furniture, lighting elements, interpretation media, memorials, public art, façade improvement or other forms that contribute to the beautification, enjoyment, and/or appreciation of the urban environment. Projects can be of a temporary (but not ephemeral) or permanent nature.

*Eligibility: The improvement must have been completed after January 1, 2003.*

6 Community Improvement Projects
This category is for any built project, however modest, initiated and implemented by a community based organization that enhances the public realm. Streetscape, public art, special installations, environmental initiatives, a banner program, special event or festival infrastructure are examples.

*Eligibility: The improvement must have been completed after January 1, 2003.*
Submission Requirements

Entry Fee
An entry of $100.00 (includes GST) must accompany each submission. Please make cheque or money order payable to the “City of Edmonton”.

Format
Each entry is to be submitted in a standard, black, three-ring binder with a transparent plastic sleeve in the front containing the project identification sheet. All sheets must be inserted in the binder in “portrait” format. The following information must be included in the binder:
1. Project identification sheet, including name of project and address, within a transparent plastic sleeve;
2. Participant entry form within a transparent plastic sleeve;
3. A description of the project and its merits, without credits to authors of the project (one page, 250 words max.) within a transparent plastic sleeve (please include Microsoft word file on CD);
4. CD with electronic images and each entry must include a minimum of 10 electronic graphic image of the entry submission. These electronic submission will become the property of the City of Edmonton. Images may also be used to promote future events. Electronic files must be scanned at a resolution of at least 300 dpi and be saved in a .bmp or .tif format. Label the CD with project name and address;
5. Two boards - 24”x 24”(610 mm x 610 mm) unframed rigid presentation boards numbered 1 & 2 – containing any graphic or photographic technique that best illustrates the merits of the project i.e. site plan, floor plans, sections, elevations, perspectives and photos. Names of the architects, landscape architects, designers, or artists may not appear on the boards. Project name and/or address may appear on the boards.

The City of Edmonton will retain ownership of all submitted boards and materials and may use them in displays, electronic or otherwise. Please note that providing accurate and complete project credits is the full responsibility of the applicant.

The Urban Design Awards Advisory Committee reserve the right to return work 'unjudged' which does not comply with the above criteria. Submission fees for work that is found to be in contravention of the respective categories will not be refunded.

Questions?
Any inquiries should be directed to Dnyanesh Deshpande, Principal Urban Designer, at the City of Edmonton at dnyanesh.deshpande@edmonton.ca or phone 780-944-0128.

Closing Date/Entry Location
Entry forms, fee, boards, and binders must be completed, and received before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2009. All submissions must be sent to:
The City of Edmonton, Planning and Development Department
6th floor, HSBC Building, 10250 – 101 St NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3P4
To the Attention: City of Edmonton Urban Design Awards
Entry Information
Name and Address of Entrant (Member Firm):

Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

Project Owner/Developer (Client):

Please print the client name correctly spelled exactly how you wish it to appear on the certificate should you win. You will be charged $50.00 for any changes to the certificate.

Project Name:

Project Location:

Completion Date:

Consultants:
Please list all key players as described in Submission Requirements

Architect:

Landscape Architect:

Designer:

Artist:

Category (Check only one box for each project)

1. Un-Implemented Urban Design Plans
2. Implemented Urban Design Plans
3. Urban Architecture
4. Civic Design Projects
5. Urban Fragments
6. Community Improvement Projects

Number of Electronic Files Enclosed: ________________________
Minimum of one file. Please ensure that each file is labelled with entrant’s name and project name.

Number of Boards for this Project: ________________________

Total Amount: $100.00 (includes GST)

Please make cheque payable to the “City of Edmonton”.

If paying by VISA or M/C, please complete the following:

VISA or M/C Number ________________________

Cardholder’s Name ________________________

Expiry Date ________________________

Signature ________________________

The City of Edmonton Urban Design Awards, the RAIC and Public Exhibition
- Waiver of Liability and Insurance

Neither the exhibit facility nor the City of Edmonton nor the RAIC will be responsible for loss or damage to any property from any cause in storage while in transit or while on display. Firms are urged to carry all-risk floater insurance covering their materials against damage, loss and all other hazards. This can generally be done by adding ‘riders’ to existing insurance policies often at no additional cost. Please check with your insurer. All insuring must be done at your own expense.

For more information visit
www.edmonton.ca/urbandesidnawards