

## Jury Names Urban Design Winners

### *Architectural excellence honoured at Edmonton gala*

The City of Edmonton's Urban Design Awards winners were announced and celebrated on November 22, 2013 at City Hall.

The jury gave out five awards of excellence and three awards of merit to architects and designers who developed distinctive concepts in six categories.



"Edmonton's Urban Design Awards broaden the dialogue about the value of good design and its importance in creating more enduring, distinct and memorable urban places that make up a great city," says Toronto urban designer Mark Reid, one of this year's judges. "Congratulations to all the award recipients on their significant achievement in advancing the art of city building."

The five awards of excellence went to:

- *Urban Architecture category:* **Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre and Edmonton Eskimo Field House** – MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects and HIP Architects
- *Urban Fragments category:* **Talus Dome** – Edmonton Arts Council/Ball Nagues Studio
- *Community-Based Projects category:* **Dirt City :: Dream City** – Edmonton Arts Council
- *Community-Based Projects category:* **LIVINGbridge** – Chelsea Boos, Carmen Douville, Erin Ross
- *Student Projects category:* **Rossdale Park and Interpretive Centre** – Teague McCrae

The three awards of merit went to:

- *Urban Architecture category:* **Jasper Place Library** – Dub Architects and Hughes Condon Marler Architects
- *Urban Architecture category:* **The Alberta Hotel** – Dub Architects
- *Civic Design category:* **Edmonton Clinic Site Development** – Dialog

For the first time, the public had a chance to vote for the People's Choice Award. The all-new category was created to recognize examples of good urban design that have had a transformative impact on our quality of life in Edmonton. With over 400 votes, the People's Choice Award went to MacEwan University downtown.

"Urban design and architectural excellence play an important role in maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in our city," says Gary Klassen, General Manager of the City's Sustainable Development Department. "It's important to celebrate achievements in building a livable, sustainable, beautiful city through excellent urban design and appealing public spaces."

Some of Canada's top design professionals were among the visiting panel of judges, including:

- **Jill Anholt**, Public Artist, Principal, Jill Anholt Studio, Vancouver, BC
- **Margot Long**, Landscape Architect, Partner, PwL Partnership, Vancouver, BC
- **Sasa Radulovic**, Architect, Co-founder and Partner, 5468796 Architecture, Winnipeg, MB
- **Mark Reid**, Urban Designer, Planner, Landscape Architect, Partner, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON
- **Gilles Saucier**, Architect, Co-founder and Partner, Saucier + Perrotte Architects, Montreal, QC

The City of Edmonton and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) Alberta Chapter host the Urban Design Awards together every two years. The first awards were presented in 2005.

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