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Jasper Place Library, 2013 Award of Merit, Urban Architecture



**Urban Design** and **architectural excellence** play a critical 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 this role. For this reason, the **Edmonton Urban Design Awards** have 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.



Edmonton Clinic Site Development, 2013 Award of Merit, Civic Design



# Preface

Designers, developers, sponsors, and owners of projects selected as award winners will receive an Award of Excellence or a Certificate of Merit in one of eight categories.

The projects receiving an award will be eligible for the National RAIC Urban Design Awards to be adjudicated in 2016.

The Edmonton Urban Design Awards will be presented at a ceremony in Edmonton's City Hall on November 20, 2015.

The awarded projects will be exhibited in City Hall and featured on the City of Edmonton website. 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 Edmonton Urban Design Awards Advisory 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.



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# Categories

## The following are the categories for the Edmonton Urban Design Awards.

The winning submission in each category will be forwarded on to the National Urban Design Awards organized by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects in cooperation with Canadian municipalities.

The two exceptions will be for the Heritage Development Award, which will be forwarded to the Heritage Canada National Trusts' heritage awards and submitted under their Cornerstone Award for Adaptive Use/Rehabilitation category, and the Implemented Residential Infill Award that is a local Edmonton honour only.

The categories are:



## 1 IMPLEMENTED URBAN DESIGN PLANS



Living bridge, 2013 Award of Excellence, Community Based projects

This category is for an urban design plan or study that has already been approved or adopted by the City of Edmonton and physical changes have already started to occur.

### ELIGIBILITY

The plan, project, or study must have been approved after January 1, 2013 and there should be concrete examples of changes in the built environment.

### CRITERIA FOR AWARD

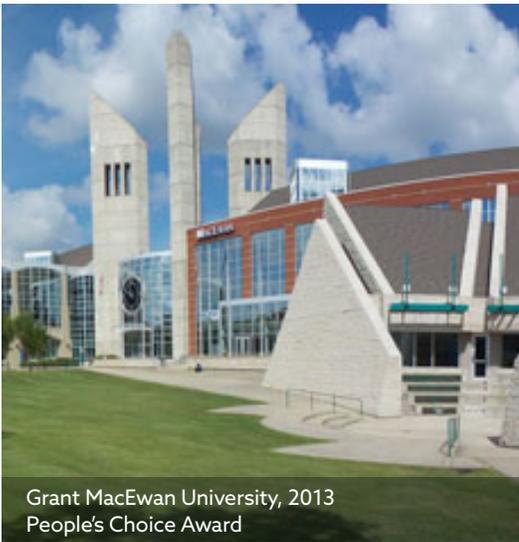
The primary criteria for assessing the merit of the plan will be:

- Evidence of success** – examples of quality improvements to the built environment
- Creative resolution** – proposed solutions that successfully addresses multiple objectives and competing interests
- Acceptance of the plan by the community** – evidence that the community supports the plan and its implementation



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### URBAN ARCHITECTURE



Grant MacEwan University, 2013  
People's Choice Award

This category of award will recognize a building or group of buildings that contribute to and support an urban design initiative. The submission may be for an individual building or group of buildings, of high architectural standard, which achieve urban design excellence through their unique relationship with their immediate surroundings because of siting, massing, and pedestrian amenities. The building(s) 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, 2013 within Edmonton's municipal boundaries and designed by an architect.

#### CRITERIA FOR AWARD

The primary criteria for assessing the merit of the plan will be:

- Compatibility** with the urban initiative
- Positive contribution** to the public realm
- Architectural excellence**
- Demonstration of the value of urban design** by showing how the urban design plan directed and influenced the building

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### CIVIC DESIGN PROJECTS



Dirt City, Dream City, 2013 Award of Excellence,  
Community Based Projects

This category of award will recognize a civic improvement project such as a park, a public space, civil engineering or environmental infrastructure, street furniture and lighting elements, etc., which have been implemented as the result of an urban design plan or initiative.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Construction project completed or installed after January 1, 2013 within Edmonton's municipal boundaries, and designed by an architect, landscape architect, registered planner, and/or engineer.

#### CRITERIA FOR AWARD

The primary criteria for assessing the merit of the plan will be:

- Compatibility** with the urban plan
- Positive contribution** to the public realm
- Design excellence**
- Demonstration of the value of urban design** by showing how the urban design plan/initiative directed and influenced the space or the objects.



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## URBAN FRAGMENTS

Urban fragments are single, small-scale pieces 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, or other forms of intervention that contribute to the beautification, sustainability, enjoyment, and/ or appreciation of the urban environment. Projects can be of a temporary (but not ephemeral) or permanent nature.

### ELIGIBILITY

The project must have been completed after January 1, 2013.

### CRITERIA FOR AWARD

The primary criteria for assessing the proposals will be:

- Positive contribution** to the public realm
- Design excellence**
- Innovation and uniqueness** of the element

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## COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS

This category is for any built project, however modest, initiated and implemented by a community-based organization that enhances the public realm. Streetscaping, public art, façade improvement, commemorative or interpretive installation, environmental initiative, a banner program, and special event or festival infrastructure are examples of this category.

### ELIGIBILITY

The improvement must have been completed after January 1, 2013.

### CRITERIA FOR AWARD

The primary criteria for assessing the merit of the plan will be:

- Wide community involvement** — demonstration of how the community-at large was involved and supported the improvements
- Positive contribution** to the public realm
- Conceptual clarity and execution** of the improvement
- Innovation and uniqueness** of the built project



Talus Dome, 2013 Award of Excellence, Urban Fragments



## STUDENT PROJECTS

This category is open to students in urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, fine arts, design and urban planning programs at a senior undergraduate or graduate level. Student projects must have been completed with direction or oversight from a faculty member. The submission will be an urban design project pertaining to Edmonton and located within its municipal boundaries.

### ELIGIBILITY

The project must have been completed after September 1, 2013. Student projects are not eligible for RAIC's national competition. Submissions will be pre-screened by the Awards Committee.

### CRITERIA FOR AWARD

The primary criteria for assessing the merit of the plan will be:

- Comprehensiveness** – addressing a wide a range of factors affecting development, and providing solutions to the stated problem
- Conceptual clarity and urban design excellence** – as demonstrated in the illustrations showing physical improvements
- Clarity of presentation** – understandable, readable and well-illustrated graphically

#### Note:

The entry fee does not apply to students projects.



## HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT

This category is for projects that demonstrate sensitivity and creativity in preserving the heritage values of a site where the historic rehabilitation of a historic building and/or the new development reinforces and enhances the character of the resource and /or streetscape. The project should contribute to the sense of place, revitalization or viability of the complex or district while demonstrating excellence in the conservation of heritage values.

### ELIGIBILITY

The project must have been completed after 2005 within the municipal boundaries of the City of Edmonton.

### CRITERIA FOR AWARD

The primary criteria for assessing the merit of the project will be:

- Heritage status** and value to the community
- Quality and scope** of the heritage rehabilitation
- Adaptive reuse** of the original resource
- Architectural sensitivity and excellence**
- Demonstration of the value of urban design** by showing how the project contributes/integrates to the public realm.

#### Note:

It is preferable, but not essential, that projects have heritage status, e.g., on the City's or Province's Inventory or Register or part of a designated heritage district.



Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre & Edmonton Eskimo Field House, 2013 Award of Excellence, Urban Architecture



## IMPLEMENTED RESIDENTIAL INFILL

This category is for completed residential infill projects in mature or established neighbourhoods. This could include new garage or garden suites, semi-detached or detached housing, row housing, apartments and other mixed-use buildings.

### ELIGIBILITY

The project must have been completed after 2005 within the municipal boundaries of the City of Edmonton.

### CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

The primary criteria for assessing the merit of the building(s) will be:

- Compatibility** with immediate surroundings
- Innovative approach** – including creative, sensitive all-seasons design
- Sustainability** including the overall building and site sustainability (energy efficiency, landscaping/drainage, affordability, other) building, landscape and original resource



# Submission Requirements

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## ENTRY FEE

An **entry of \$100**, including GST, must accompany each submission. Please make cheque or money order payable to the **"City of Edmonton."**

Credit cards are not accepted.

## CLOSING DATE/ ENTRY LOCATION

**ITEMS BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED AND RECEIVED BEFORE 4 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015.**

- Project Identification Sheet
- Entry forms
- Fees
- Boards

### All submissions must be sent to:

City of Edmonton  
Sustainable Development Department  
6th Floor, HSBC Building  
10250-101 St NW  
Edmonton, AB T5J 3P4

### Attention:

City of Edmonton Urban Design Awards, Planning + Design

## FORMAT

Please note that binders, including hardcopies of project images, are no longer accepted. For each entry, a printed copy of each of the following documents must be included in the submission package, along with a cheque and CD-ROM:

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** without credits to the authors of the project outlining urban design issues and key urban design concepts that emphasize process and implementation with a description of the merits (one page, 250 words, max) within a transparent plastic sleeve (please include a Microsoft Word file on CD);
4. **Each entry must include a CD** with a minimum of 10 electronic images of the entry submission. These electronic images will become the property of the City of Edmonton. The images may be used to promote future events. Electronic files must be scanned/saved at a resolution of at least 300 dpi and be saved in a .bmp or .tif format. Label the CD with the project name and address;
5. **Two - 24" x 24"** (610 mm x 610 mm) **unframed rigid presentation boards**, numbered 1 and 2, containing any graphic or photographic technique that best illustrates the merits of the project (e.g. site plan, floor plans, sections, elevations, maps, 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. A pdf version of the presentation boards should be included on the cd with the electronic images
6. **Completed and signed publication release form** within a transparent plastic sleeve.

The Urban Design Awards Advisory Committee reserves 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.

Judges will also be looking at the clarity of presentation - understandable, readable and well-illustrated graphically or with photographs.

## QUESTIONS?

Any inquiries should be directed to **David Holdsworth, Senior Urban Designer**, at the City of Edmonton at [david.holdsworth@edmonton.ca](mailto:david.holdsworth@edmonton.ca), or by phone at **780-496-6112**.



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# Entry Form

Fill out and print an entry form for each project submitted.

## 1 CATEGORY

Check the category that this project is being submitted under. Please select one category only.

- 1. Implemented Urban Design Plans
- 2. Urban Architecture
- 3. Civic Design Projects
- 4. Urban Fragments
- 5. Community-Based Projects
- 6. Student Projects
- 7. Heritage Development
- 8. Implemented Residential Infill

## 2 FEES & FILES

**Number of electronic files enclosed:**  
Minimum one file. Please ensure that each file is labeled with the 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. Credit cards are not accepted.

### The City of Edmonton Urban Design Awards and Public Exhibition – Waiver of Liability and Insurance

Neither the exhibit facility nor the City of Edmonton 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.

## 3 ENTRY INFORMATION

Name and address of entrant (member firm)

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Contact Person

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Email

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Phone

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Project Owner/ Developer

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

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Project Name

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Project Location

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### CONSULTANTS

Architect

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Landscape Architect

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Designer

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Artist

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