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CHOP Editorial Board – Call for Volunteers

Term: Anticipated term of 24 Months

Compensation: Travel, Accommodation, Honorarium

Application Deadline: Friday, November 10, 2017

Information and Contact: Donald Ardiel, Director, Practice Support, RAIC,

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Background:

The Canadian Handbook of Practice for Architects ("the CHOP") is created and published by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) with the support of the 11 provincial and territorial regulators of the architectural profession in Canada. Changes in expectations, technology and the design/construction industry landscape require that the CHOP be updated to reflect best practices in contemporary architectural services delivery.

The provincial regulators and the RAIC are seeking experienced architects to participate on the CHOP Editorial Board.

Responsibilities:

The responsibilities of the Editorial Board include:

- Reviewing and analyzing feedback about the current use of the CHOP and recommendations for the 3rd Edition;
- Developing the initial table of contents for the 3rd edition;
- Supporting the Editor-in-Chief in recruitment of subject matter experts;
- The Reviewing content generated by contracted subject matter experts and providing editorial comment;
- Reach a consensus on the final draft of all content;
- Authorize the release of content for formatting, graphic design, and multi-platform delivery; and
- Prepare a lessons-learned report.

Application Submission and Contact Information

If shaping the practice of architecture in Canada appeals to you, the RAIC looks forward to receiving your application.

Your application should include a letter of interest stating why you are an optimal candidate, experience in writing and editing technical documents, and depth and breadth of knowledge about architectural practice in Canada. As well, please include a recent CV.

Applications should be forwarded by **Friday, November 10, 2017** to Donald Ardiel, Director, Practice Support, RAIC, Email: dardiel@raic.org, PH: 613-241-3600, ext. 202.

BUILD SASK GREEN 2017: CaGBC Green Building Experts are on the Road

Meet Thomas Mueller and Mark Hutchinson at [BUILD SASK GREEN 2017](#) in Regina.

On November 1 and 2, join industry professionals and stakeholders to learn about the newest innovations in green building at Build Sask Green 2017. This annual forum for professional development and networking for those in the green building design and construction industry in Saskatchewan features an impressive line-up of keynote speakers and learning opportunities.

When: November 1 & 2, 2017

Where: Double Tree by Hilton Regina

Cost: Members: \$250, Non-Members: \$300, Students: \$100

[Register online](#) today!

November 2

Opening Keynote: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Thomas Mueller, President and CEO, CaGBC, Green Building as a Climate Change Solution: Meeting 2030 Emissions Targets & Growing the Economy

With 30% of GHG emissions attributable to buildings, Canada's building sector is playing a critical role in achieving Canada's 2030 climate change targets. Building on the success of the green building to date, the industry is well prepared to embark on the next evolution in high-performance buildings. It is becoming increasingly important to change the language from 'energy efficient' to 'zero carbon' buildings as the true measure of success in transitioning to a low carbon economy. The focus also needs to be on scaling up the transformation of our building stock particularly the retrofit of larger buildings across the country.

Without retrofitting a significant percentage of buildings and designing our future building stock to zero carbon, climate change targets will not be met nor will the Canadian economy benefit from innovation and

growth in skilled jobs.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Mark Hutchinson, Vice President, Green Building Programs, CaGBC

Carbon as the New Metric: CaGBC's Zero Carbon Building Standard

The objective is audacious: to eliminate emissions from buildings by 2050. The CaGBC's Zero Carbon Buildings Initiative will provide the clarity required for industry to move toward this goal, redefining what should be the top environmental consideration for building design and retrofit – and the benchmark for building operations. This session will explain the imperative of using carbon as the key metric for building performance, and introduce the new Zero Carbon Building Standard, which is the first of its kind in Canada.

City of Regina: Telling Regina's Story Through its Historic Places

The historic places we value have helped shape our community and tell Regina's story. The Heritage Conservation Program is the tool used to document our story and manage historic places. It aligns with the policies and vision of Design Regina: The Official Community Plan and the Regina Cultural Plan to identify and conserve historic places.

The City of Regina is reviewing the cultural, economic and historical drivers that shaped our community. These important themes in our history will assist in identifying places that matter.

They want to hear from you. You are invited to learn about a proposed theme-based approach for future evaluation of potential historic places and the themes identified to assess the significance of historic places at a come-and-go open house:

When: Thursday, November 9, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Regina Performing Arts Centre

Representatives from the City of Regina will be on hand to answer questions and you will have the opportunity to comment on the themes as well as share your thoughts on the places that matter to you.

For more information, visit Regina.ca/heritage.

WCB Proposes Drop in Premium Rates for 11th Year

The Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) has proposed a drop in its 2018 average premium rate from \$1.24 in 2017 to \$1.19 in 2018 per hundred dollars of payroll, representing a decrease of four per cent. The announcement was made in Regina at the WCB's annual rate setting consultation with Saskatchewan employers, workers and other stakeholders.

The WCB's Board Chairperson, Gord Dobrowolsky said, "Improvements in safety performance in many industry rate codes have contributed to the proposed 2018 premium rates. As members of the Board, our goal is to uphold a balance between stable rates and a fully-funded compensation system."

The WCB's proposed average premium rate is 42 per cent below the 15-year high of \$2.05 in 2004. This is good news for Saskatchewan employers and workers, Dobrowolsky said.

With the 2018 rate proposal:

- 94.1% of Saskatchewan's employers covered by the WCB will see a decrease or no change to their industry premium rate for 2018. The decreases range from 0.8 per cent to 32.8 per cent.
- Premium rates for 5.9 per cent of employers will increase next year. The increases range from 0.9 per cent to 2.0 per cent and the average increase is 1.4 per cent.

“Injuries at work affect more than the wellbeing of workers and employers. There are significant financial repercussions, which directly impact employers,” said WCB CEO Peter Federko. “What we’re seeing across the province is an ongoing commitment to safety and prevention in the workplace and effective facilitation of return-to-work programs. While we are seeing improvements, we need to remain focused on the goal of Mission: Zero and ensure everyone is committed to keeping our workplaces safe.”

The WCB began its rate model information and educational efforts in 2016, through 2017, and will hold additional public meetings in early 2018 for those employers who will experience the impact of the increase beginning in 2019. Visit the [WCB website](#) to learn more about the enhancements to the WCB's rate model.

COR and SECOR as a Requirement for Bidders on Ministry of Central Services Construction Tenders

The Ministry of Central Services has adopted a policy, to be implemented beginning April 1, 2019, of requiring bidders on all contracts expected to exceed \$1M to have achieved COR or SECOR certification, or been granted equivalency by SCSA.

Safety, and the commitment to Mission Zero, continues to be a high priority for government construction projects. Until this policy is fully implemented on April 1, 2019, the Ministry will continue its current practice of including rated evaluation criteria related to safety, including certification by SCSA, in all of its construction tenders. They believe this approach demonstrates their commitment to safe practices by encouraging contractors to fully implement and follow health and safety programs that meet national standards.

Notice of this policy will be posted on [SaskTenders.ca](#) in the near future. As well, every public tender the Ministry issues for construction work up to the implementation date above will include this notice.

Please contact Harlan if you have any questions or concerns about this policy direction, or if you have other suggestions about how they can continue to improve safety on construction projects.

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Governor General's Medals in Architecture: Call for Entries

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) and the Canada Council for the Arts invite architects to participate in the competition for the 2018 Governor General's Medals in Architecture.

Awarded every two years, the medals recognize and celebrate outstanding design in recently completed built projects – big or small – by Canadian architects. They are among this country's most prestigious and

coveted architectural awards.

Medals are awarded for excellence in the art of architecture. The primary criterion will be the architectural artistic merit of the design, including such elements as conceptual clarity, innovation and uniqueness, compatibility with the site, sustainable design and detailing.

Applying is quick and easy at www.raic.org. RAIC members receive a discount on the entry fee. The 2018 competition will result in the awarding of 12 Governor General's Medals in Architecture.

Eligible projects are those that were built in and outside of Canada and completed between January 1, 2010, and September 1, 2017.

Submission deadline: December 1, 2017, 4 p.m. ET.

Listing of SAA Approved Continuing Education Courses

Attention SAA Members

For those reporting Continuing Education to the SAA, please check the [SAA website](#) for approved courses (both core and self-directed). This list is updated regularly.

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