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Call for SAA Members to be part of Continuing Education Guide Focus Group

Building on the work that has been completed to date, the Education Committee, under the oversight of Council is continuing work to improve the Guide to Continuing Education. At the 2017 AGM in Saskatoon the results from the Survey on Continuing Education were presented to attending members and many questions were answered and feedback was received. As part of the plan to move forward with modifications and improvements to the 2018-2020 guide we are reaching out to our membership to assemble a Focus Group that can provide important feedback on future revisions to the Con-Ed Guide.

If you feel like you can contribute to this endeavor and are able to volunteer time in the coming year to be a part of this focus group please send an email with the following subject line:

“Sign me up for the Focus Group”

Email both:

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Please reply by August 31, 2017

Adoption of the National Building Code 2015 and National Fire Code 2015

The Ministry of Government Relations wishes to advise that following an initial consultation with industry stakeholders, additional information is being sought prior to adoption. As a result, these codes will not come into effect on July 1, 2017. A new date will be established in the coming weeks.

Any questions concerning the application of codes to projects currently underway, or in the process of being planned, can be directed to:

Building Standards and Licensing
100 – 1855 Victoria Avenue, REGINA, SK S4P 3T2
306-787-4113 building.standards@gov.sk.ca

New SAA Document - *Does Your Project Need an Architect?*

The SAA has recently completed work on a new communication regarding projects in Saskatchewan that require an architect titled, *Does Your Project Need an Architect?*. It is intended to provide information for SAA members and associates, planners, building officials, owners, developers, engineers, designers, and anyone interested in hiring an architect.

This document discusses how the practice of architecture is defined under *The Architects Act, 1996*, which buildings require an architect, and failure to comply with the requirements of the Act. The document also contains a chart that illustrates which buildings – by project type and size – require the involvement of an architect.

[Does Your Project Need an Architect?](#) can be found on the SAA website.

Document Six – 2017 Edition

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) recently released the Canadian Standard Form of Contract for Architectural Services – Document Six, 2017 Edition. This new 2017 edition replaces Document Six, 2006 (now obsolete).

Please visit the RAIC site for more information, including the Guide to the Canadian Standard Form of Contract for Architectural Services – the first page of which is a comparison table that relates the changes between the 2017 and 2006 editions.

Please visit the [RAIC website](#) to access these documents.

Call for Entries: 2017 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Design

Held in conjunction with SK Design Week, taking place in Saskatoon and Regina from September 23-29, 2017, the Design Council of Saskatchewan invites submissions for the 2017 Premier's Awards of Excellence in Design. The Premier's Awards for Excellence in Design is a juried competition recognizing outstanding applied design in Saskatchewan in seven different categories (Architecture, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Engineering + Geoscience, Graphic Design, Planning, and Integrated Design).

The deadline to submit projects is 5 pm, September 6, 2017. Please contact the Design Council representative from your association with any questions regarding entries.

The awards will be handed out on Friday, September 29th at the Premier's Awards Gala in Saskatoon.

More information can be found at <http://designcouncil.sk.ca/dcs-news/>

Good luck!

SK Design Week 2017

SK Design Week is returning to Saskatchewan in September 2017. The biennial event, organized by the Design Council of Saskatchewan, invites the public to learn about the different areas of design through a series of free lectures and other educational events.

SK Design Week is presented by the Design Council of Saskatchewan; the collective voice of six provincial associations representing design professionals working in the disciplines of architecture, engineering + geoscience, graphic design, interior design, landscape architecture and planning. The Council's mandate is to promote public awareness of great design completed by members of our local professional associations and to provide educational opportunities to the public.

We have a great lineup of speakers confirmed for this year's event including: Omar Gandhi, recognized as one of the world's top 20 young architects by Wallpaper* Magazine; Jason Kasper, founder and Principal of IDEATE Design Consulting; Ian Brignell, award winning lettering, logo and font designer; and Robin Mazumder, Vanier Scholar studying the psychological impacts of urban design. The week concludes with the 2017 Premier's Awards of Excellence in Design Gala, recognizing great design work completed right here in our province.

More information can be found at <http://designcouncil.sk.ca>

Passive House Training

The following Passive House courses will be offered in Saskatoon this fall:

[110: Introduction to Passive House High Performance Buildings](#) (one day)

Saturday, Sept. 30

Sask Polytechnic

[120A: Passive House Design and Construction](#) (four days)

Thursday, Nov. 23 to Saturday, Nov. 26

Sask Polytechnic.

Course details and registration information is available by clicking on the above links.

[Click here](#) for details on the newly updated one-day introductory course.

Passive House Canada is the national non-profit professional association promoting high performance buildings through sound building science and advocating for the international Passivhaus standard.

Passive House methodology helps achieve Thermal Energy Demand Intensity (TEDI) requirements of

new Zero Emissions Buildings Frameworks "to encourage better building envelopes, improve occupant comfort and enhance resilience" and facilitates net-zero energy projects.

For more information, contact [Mike Nemeth](#) or the Passive House Canada Education Coordinator, [Gargi Bougie](#), PH: 778-265-2744

2018 SAA Conference & AGM

The 2018 SAA Conference & AGM will be held at Elk Ridge Resort, Waskesui, May 3 to 5.

A number of hotel rooms, cottages and townhouses have been reserved and are ready for booking. Some SAA members have reserved their rooms already. If you wish to do the same, you can book early by calling Hemant Dani at Elk Ridge Resort, PH: 306-663-4653. **Please tell him you are booking under the Saskatchewan Association of Architects block of rooms.**

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