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News From the Council Table

I hope that you are all enjoying the sunshine, warmth and longer days during these summer months. Our SAA Council has been busy, and since the Annual General Meeting Council in May, we have met twice, first in June and more recently on July 26th.

Our June meeting was a little different from the norm in that it involved an orientation on Council's roles and responsibilities for our new councillors and a refresher for those returning. This was followed by a workshop to revisit and clarify our Strategic Plan, building on our work in 2016, and a look in detail at Council's near-term and longer-term priorities. Many thanks to Laurie Njaa and Whitney Robson for working with me to plan and facilitate this session, and for Council's enthusiastic participation. I encourage you to take a look at the strategic goals and work plan, which can be found [here](#).

SAA business rarely slows down even in the spring and summer, and regular Council meetings were also held in June and on July 26th. Some of the decision highlights from these meetings are:

- Approval of a Terms of Reference for the SAA Fee Committee – to work on revisions to the SAA Fee structure. The first meeting of this committee is scheduled for August 1st.
- Formalizing a Terms of Reference for the Executive Committee, which will be a special committee of Council that will take on duties and prepare recommendations for Council in the areas of staff engagement, Council or Committee members' engagement and Council Officer vacancies. The

first duty of this committee will be to hire a permanent Executive Director.

Work that has started and continues to progress over this last quarter includes:

- Preparation for the Continuing Education Focus Group to review proposed Con Ed changes.
- Preparation of the 2018 budget, including budget planning for a three-year look ahead.
- The School of Architecture continues to move through the university planning and approvals process under the leadership of Colin Ripley. More detail on the status of this initiative will be provided in my next update.

Our next Council meetings are scheduled for September 6th and October 25th and I plan on providing you with a summary of these meetings at the end of October. Council appreciates your feedback, so please be reminded that you can always contact the SAA office if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Warm Regards,

Jeanna South

President, Saskatchewan Association of Architects

Message from the SAA Education Committee

The 2016-2018 Continuing education cycle ends on June 31, 2018. If you haven't done so already we suggest you take the opportunity to check your current RAIC transcript to make sure that you are on track for meeting the requirements of the Con-Ed guide, and enter any learning units that have not yet been logged.

We want to remind all members that they must complete and log all hours on the RAIC transcript themselves. It is also important to keep records of your Con-Ed dating back 4 years from the end of the cycle in case of an Audit.

While checking your transcript it is important to enter the period of time you want to view (July 01, 2016 through June 30, 2018 for this two year cycle). This will allow you to see the amount of Con-Ed logged for this specific Con-Ed Cycle.

AGM Discussions and Minor Revisions to the 2016-2018:

During the 2017 AGM there was discussion concerning the requirements of Continuing Education and enforcement of the upcoming 2016-2018 Con-Ed Cycle end. The intent and focus of the discussions were received as a "Council Directive".

Council would like to remind members that minor revisions were made to the 2016-2018 Guide to Continuing Education (approved by council in November of 2016) that address many of the concerns that were raised during that AGM discussions. Below is a list of changes as presented at the AGM:

- Guide dates revised to reflect the current cycle
- All Carry Forward hours will go into the "Other" categories in both Core and Self-Directed
- Self-Directed "Other" Category has been increased from 20 hours to 50 hours max. to allow room for Carry Forward and excess Core.
- Increasing Con-Ed records storage from 3 years to 4 years to match 2 year cycle, in case of an audit.
- Formatting, grammar, editing revisions.

The most important change that addresses the concerns raised at the AGM is the increase of the

Maximum accepted hours in the 'Other' Category of self-directed. This category allows members to easily record excess core hours under self-directed. It also enables members to meet the requirements of Self-Directed with as few as two categories (these were the two greatest concerns raised at the AGM).

Members are still expected to meet the requirements of the Guide to Continuing Education. Members are responsible for Logging their own hours on their RAIC Transcript and ensuring they meet the category requirements.

You can download the Guide to Continuing Education at the following link: <http://saskarchitects.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/SAA-Con-Ed-Guide-2017-01-17.pdf>

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:

Rhonda Schindel rhonda@saskarchitects.com

Christopher Kailing chris@pmgmarchitecture.com

Please reply by August 31, 2017

2017 Con Ed Survey Results

As requested by SAA Membership at the 2017 AGM, please [click here](#) for the 2017 Con Ed Survey Results presentation slides.

RAIC/IRAC Practice Advisory Notice

The RAIC/IRAC has issued a Practice Advisory Notice regarding a Brookfield Global Integrated Service (BGIS) nation-wide Request for Standing Offer (RFSO). Although most of the +2,600 projects to be executed under this standing offer are for engineering consulting services, some projects require both architectural and engineering services. Architects may be approached to provide architectural services as subconsultants to engineering prime consultants.

This advisory notice is intended to advise of RAIC concerns about the RFSO and supplemental conditions imposed by BGIS. Engineering firms may attempt to flow business and potentially non-insurable risk through to architectural subconsultants.

The RAIC Practice Advisory Notice can be found at the links below:

English: https://raic.org/notices/miscellaneous/2017/notice_e.htm

French: https://raic.org/notices/miscellaneous/2017/notice_f.htm

Should RAIC members have any questions about this bulletin, please contact Don Ardiel, Director, Practice Support/Director, Syllabus RAIC at: 613-241-3600, ext. 202.

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!

17TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & EDUCATIONAL SESSION

The General Contractors Association of Saskatchewan invite you to the 17th Annual Golf Tournament at Harbor Golf club and Resort, Elbow

When: September 7, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. – Contract Law – bid law – by Misty Alexandre
- 12:00 noon - Lunch
- Golf begins at 12:30 p.m. - Shotgun Start
- Dinner after golf about 5:30 p.m.

You may register by email at info@generalcontractors.sk.ca

Please provide us with your: Name, company and which events you will attend.

PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

- Golf prizes are welcome

COST: consultants and owners attend gratis

Sponsored by: GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

Railside Promenade Ideas Competition

The Forks Renewal Corporation has launched an ideas competition for the redevelopment of Israel Asper Way from a four-lane roadway into a unique public space. The project will be known as Railside Promenade, a key component for the Railside at The Forks plan. Railside is planned to become a vibrant mixed-use residential development located at The Forks in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The goal of the ideas competition is to incite innovative, provocative and practical ideas for the urban design of the pedestrian promenade, focussing on design excellence, innovation, all-season use and promotion of active living. Railside Promenade runs south from York Avenue to Forks Market Road. Once development is complete, it will transform Israel Asper Way into one of the most unique public spaces in Winnipeg.

The competition is open to individuals or teams and must include a member who is a registered Architect, Landscape Architect or Planner. The Forks Renewal Corporation invites designers to submit visionary proposals to transform Israel Asper Way into a unique public space. Learn more and register at <http://www.railsideattheforks.com/promenade>.

DX Emerging Designer Competition

Design Exchange, in partnership with RBC Foundation, is accepting applications for the 2017 Emerging Designer Competition.

This exciting national competition seeks to provide an unparalleled opportunity for emerging Canadian designers to gain recognition and exposure, while celebrating the immense and diverse design talent in Canada.

An overall winner will be selected by an expert jury and receive a cash prize of \$10,000.

The overall winner will be partnered with a curatorial mentor and exhibition designer who will provide support in the development of an exhibition to be featured at Design Exchange that will open in November of 2017 and run through to Toronto's internationally celebrated design week in January 2018.

Best of category awards will be presented, where participants will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. All winning and honourable mention work will be exhibited at Design Exchange and featured in an awards publication.

Participation is open to practitioners across all disciplines, including but not limited to: Architecture, Industrial Design, Interior Design, Fashion, Graphic Design, Digital Design, and Urban Planning.

Deadline for submissions: September 1, 2017

For details, visit [DX Emerging Designer Competition website](#).

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