

# Jury Report

## MISSISSAUGA URBAN DESIGN AWARDS



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The awards presentation will be on September 28<sup>th</sup> in the Mississauga Civic Centre  
as part of the kick-off event for the Culture Days weekend

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September 28, 2012

Dear Friends:

On behalf of all Members of Council, I am delighted to congratulate the winners of the 2012 Mississauga Urban Design Awards.

These visionary designers, and their partners in the development and construction industry, play a vital part in the life of our city. The results of their work are the places we visit to take part in civic and cultural experiences that unite our community.

It is a fitting tribute to urban design that this year, our awards ceremony marks the beginning of Mississauga's Culture Days celebrations. The ceremony itself will showcase and help to celebrate an important anniversary of one of our city's best examples of excellence in urban design – Mississauga's Civic Centre. The Civic Centre, completed in 1987, is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

The Civic Centre, and all the structures and landscapes across Mississauga that have won urban design awards in the past, will join the new ones we recognize today to shape our city's future.

Thank you to all the urban design professionals that submitted their work and to the jury members who contributed their time and expertise. You are all an integral part of building our future Mississauga – a place people choose to be.

Once again, congratulations to the award winners. Your professionalism and dedication to your craft is an inspiration to us all.

Sincerely,

HAZEL McCALLION, C.M., LL.D.  
MAYOR



# AWARDS AND JUDGING CRITERIA

## AWARDS

### **Award of Excellence**

This award is presented to projects that exemplify, as much as possible, the judging criteria and the City's design principles.

### **Award of Merit**

This award is presented to projects that demonstrate excellence in one or more of the judging criteria and the City's design principles.

*The number of awards issued to submitted projects is at the discretion of the Jury.*

## JUDGING CRITERIA

### **Significance: Citywide Scale**

Contribution to the city design objectives as related to city image, visual identity, vistas, skyline, streetscapes, recognition of sites and location opportunities.

### **Significance: Community Scale**

Contribution to the quality of the environment within a community which demonstrates a regard for the context of the locale, enhancing a sense of place, and personal health and safety, or reinforcing a unique history.

### **Living Green**

Demonstrates an integrated approach to design which supports environmental and sustainable site and building practices, while providing benefits to the community and supporting active modes of transportation, walkability and green infrastructure.

### **Innovation**

The degree of creative response to program requirements and site constraints, considering sustainable best practices, including LEED and Low Impact Development, with the ability to influence trends.

### **Context**

The relationship or blending of built form and spaces with existing and planned development, and respect for and enhancement of the area's character.

### **Execution**

The quality of construction materials and the interpretation of design into reality.

### **Supports Our Future Mississauga Strategic Plan**

Supports the City's Strategic Pillars for Change:

**Move** - Developing a transit-oriented city

**Belong** - Ensuring youth, older adults and new immigrants thrive, ensure accessibility

**Connect** - Completing our neighbourhoods

**Prosper** - Cultivating creative and innovative businesses

**Green** - Sustainability and environmental considerations





# NOMINATIONS

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**Garry W. Morden Centre**  
7535 Ninth Line



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**O'Connor Park**  
3570 Bala Drive



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**Palisades on the Glen**  
1665 The Collegeway



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**Lorne Park Library**  
1474 Truscott Drive



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**Port Credit Arena**  
40 Stavebank Road North



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**Port Credit Library**  
20 Lakeshore Road East



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**Pioneer Port Credit**  
150 Lakeshore Road East



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**North Shore Tower**  
1 Hurontario Street



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**Port Credit Residences**  
30 Hurontario Street



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**Single Family House**  
860 Goodwin Road



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**Single Family House**  
864 Goodwin Road



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**Lakeview Library**  
1110 Atwater Avenue



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**Absolute World - Marilyn Tower (Phase IV)**  
60 Absolute Avenue



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**Scholars' Green Park**  
275 Prince of Wales Drive







## AWARD OF MERIT

for Community Scale, Living Green,  
Innovation and Execution

### O'Connor Park



**Location:** 3570 Bala Drive  
**Owner:** City of Mississauga

**Consultants:** PMA Landscape Architects Ltd.

### Project Description

A remnant wetland that once connected the headwaters of Sawmill Creek was the inspiration for the development of a park, a trail system and enhanced wetlands within the Churchill Meadows community. Retaining the natural habitat while developing a recreational park experience was a priority in the design of O'Connor Park. A featured trail called Cathy's Walk has become the over-riding connection to the site. The trail links the north part of the park to the south and separates the active recreation area from the passive naturalized area. The close proximity of Ruth Thompson Middle School makes O'Connor Park an obvious location for science and environmental studies classes.

### Jury Comments

O'Connor Park is a significant addition to Churchill Meadows, as well as an open space that is well used by residents in the community. The execution of landscape materials and sustainable design elements was identified by the Jury as being innovative with nicely executed details, low-impact features and permeable paving elements.

It was noted that opportunities exist for increased connectivity with the neighbouring school and other interfaces where the park's edges meet surrounding residential uses. Also, a greater interaction with the ecological features within the park could eventually evolve the intended experience and appreciation of the environmental theme, which stood out as a fundamental objective and essence of the park design.

As an open space that supports leisure and recreation for the residents of Churchill Meadows, O'Connor Park makes an important contribution to environmental conservation efforts and completes the community.



# AWARD OF MERIT

for Community Scale, Context and Execution

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## 860 Goodwin Road and 864 Goodwin Road



**Location:** 860 Goodwin Road, 864 Goodwin Road  
**Owner:** Private Residences

**Consultants:** En2 Development Corporation

### Project Description

The houses at 860 and 864 Goodwin Road are newly constructed single-family homes adjacent to one another. They are located in a well-established residential neighbourhood of Lakeview and have views to Lake Ontario. Both homes are built with environmentally friendly materials and include energy efficient systems such as solar panels.

### Jury Comments

The new residential properties on Goodwin Road provide a fresh perspective on infill development within the Lakeview community, relying on a contemporary style that is clearly a product of today, versus a more conventional approach to residential design that mimics the past. The contextual fit and execution of the buildings was carried through comprehensively, with a good selection of materials, interesting geometries, well-thought-out details and careful attention to the sequence of façade design elements.

The Jury noted that a significant landscape design treatment could be accommodated along the frontages in order to enhance the presentation of these modern residences to the street.

As unique infill designs, the Goodwin Road residences, together, make a positive contribution to the neighbourhood, incorporating subtle influences of the Prairie style and a new interpretation of Modernism that works well for the Lakeview community.





## AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

### Lakeview Library, Lorne Park Library and Port Credit Library



Lakeview Library



Lorne Park Library



Port Credit Library

**Location:** 1110 Atwater Avenue, 1474 Truscott Drive,  
and 40 Stavebank Road North  
**Owner:** City of Mississauga

**Consultants:** Rounthwaite Dick and  
Hadley Architects Inc.  
NAK Design Group

### Project Description

The Mississauga Library project is an adaptive re-use strategy for major renovations and additions to the Lakeview, Lorne Park and Port Credit branch libraries, all built between 1956 and 1967. The three renovations are structured as one project. All of the libraries are situated in park settings. The Lakeview and Lorne Park libraries are embedded within well-established residential neighbourhoods. The Port Credit Library is adjacent to the Credit River along Lakeshore Road in the Port Credit community. The original three libraries were designed as mid-century modern buildings, displaying similar physical and aesthetic characteristics.

### Jury Comments

The Lorne Park, Port Credit and Lakeview libraries integrate nicely as a unified collection of public facilities that provide a strong sense of community focus. As adaptive re-use projects, they deploy an identifiable vocabulary of simple modernist style and familiar detailing, seamlessly becoming 'one' with the open-space settings and communities of which they form a part.

Added details and enhancements were well executed in all the branch buildings. The Jury noted the overall consistency and legibility between projects, handled particularly well at the Lakeview and Port Credit libraries, in terms of sightlines from the street, relationship to other amenities, the lightness of the exterior pergolas, entrances and points of access, and landscape embellishments.

As contemporary buildings that relate well to their environs, the libraries enshrine a new spirit that is fitting to the public's appreciation of community institutions and the City's current thinking and future aspirations.



# AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

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## Absolute World - 'Marilyn' Tower (Phase IV)



**Location:** 60 Absolute Avenue  
**Owner:** Cityzen Development Group and Fernbrook Homes  
PSCP #930

**Consultants:** MAD Architects  
Burka Architects Inc.  
NAK Design Group

### Project Description

This building is a part of Absolute World, a development comprised of a five-tower, master-planned community. The downtown Mississauga development includes a variety of residential units, a recreational facility and retail stores. The developer intended to create an iconic building at the northeast corner of Burnhamthorpe Road East and Hurontario Street, an important and highly visible city intersection. The Phase IV building is the result of an international design competition. Today, it is known internationally as the 'Marilyn' building. The tower twists 180 degrees from its base to the top, resulting in an organic form – a unique and complex architectural design. The open forecourt includes public art, as well as hard and soft landscaping.

### Jury Comments

The new 'Marilyn' tower is a highly significant addition to the City of Mississauga and has earned its place as an important landmark and centrepiece in the downtown. With its sculptural twists and dynamic form, it has a remarkable ability to reflect light and articulate its striking silhouette at distances near and far.

The Jury cited the 'Marilyn' as a very fine example of a building that demonstrates innovation, progress and execution in tall building design. The Jury also spoke to the opportunities of the still-to-be-completed final phase to arrive at a seamless integration with the public realm. These include the deployment of high levels of at-grade animation within the retail along Hurontario Street and greater articulation of the streetscape along the street frontages. Some members of the Jury reserved their support on the basis that these street level design issues still need to be dealt with going forward.

As one of the most significant projects in the City, the 'Marilyn' tower redefines the downtown skyline and exceeds current conventions in residential tower design. The project dares to be different and sets the stage for an architecturally sophisticated, cosmopolitan Mississauga.





## AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

### Scholars' Green Park



**Location:** 275 Prince of Wales Drive  
**Owner:** City of Mississauga

**Consultants:** gh3  
Terraplan Landscape Architects Ltd.

### Project Description

Located at the centre of Sheridan College's new campus, Scholars' Green Park is the symbiosis of a public park and an academic common that provides quiet outdoor amenity space for the students, faculty and the surrounding community. The park contains various features such as micro-forests, outdoor cafes, a pavilion with a gathering area and public squares. Scholars' Green Park connects the future phases of Sheridan College to the north with the Living Arts Centre and the Mississauga Civic Centre.

### Jury Comments

Scholars' Green is an exciting addition to downtown Mississauga, and an important focus of the Civic Precinct and Sheridan College's Hazel McCallion Campus. The park unites the first college building, the local community and neighbouring civic functions within a generous centralized space integrating axial geometries, playful textures, lush greenery, outdoor works of art and a variety of sustainable landscape materials, interesting site finishes and furnishings. Innovative in its use of permeable paving and crushed-glass embedded surfaces, members of the Jury felt the design was forward thinking, creating a sense of ease in maintenance, security, safety and good accessibility.

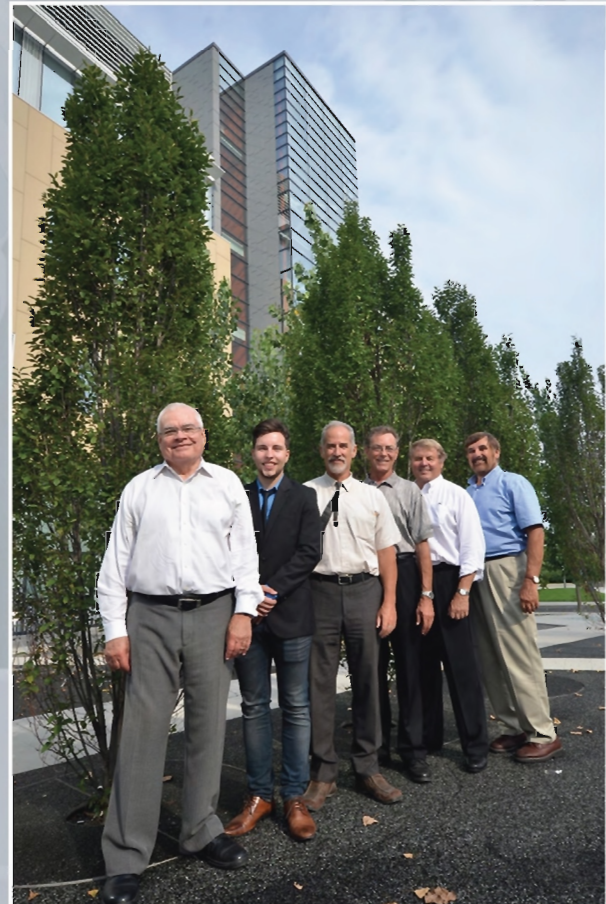
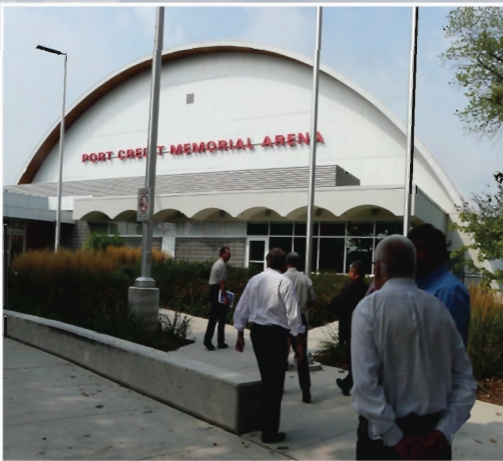
The Jury noted that Scholars' Green offers refuge and quiet places for contemplation, social recreation, leisure, relaxation and reflection – highly complementary to the academic environment that will eventually envelop and define the edges of the park.

Scholars' Green is a wonderful addition to the Civic Precinct and nicely complements the existing network of urban parks in the vicinity. It provides a unique setting for Sheridan College and has the potential to become downtown Mississauga's most cherished central open space.





## JURY DAY







## THE JURY



**Jim Tovey** is Mississauga's Councillor for Ward 1 and currently serves as vice-chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

A founding co-chair of the Lakeview Legacy Project, Jim lobbied different levels of government to ensure the coal-fired Lakeview Generating station would come down for good. The project was a resounding success, and garnered awards from the Canadian Design Exchange and the Canadian Association of Landscape Architects in 2009. Presented with the Gordon G. Shipp Citizen of the Year Award the same year for his efforts and a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal in 2012, he is committed to making sure that the site in Ward 1 becomes part of a new, sustainable community on Mississauga's eastern waterfront.

A former president of the Lakeview Ratepayers' Association, Jim has served on a number of committees for both the City of Mississauga and the Province of Ontario. Jim chaired Mayor McCallion's Task Force on the Waterfront and Environmental Sustainability, as well as the Lakeview Advisory Panel. He also served as a member of the province's Metrolinx Community Advisory Committee.

One of Jim's greatest challenges has been overcoming a disability that resulted from a swimming accident when he was nine years old. Though the accident resulted in permanent nerve damage, he didn't let that stop him from pursuing careers as a songwriter, performer, designer and builder.

As a builder, Jim has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to local heritage by the City of Mississauga in 2008, and the City of Brampton the following year, where he won an Urban Design Award for the restoration of the Elliot House, a local heritage home. Jim's community work in this area has merited special recognition from local provincial MPPs and federal MPs, as well as Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

For more than two decades, Jim has lived in Ward 1 with his wife Lee, where they enjoy visits from their grandson to the heritage-styled home they built from the ground up.



**George Baird** is Emeritus Professor of Architecture, and the former dean of the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design at the University of Toronto. He is the founding principal of the Toronto-based architecture and urban design firm Baird Sampson Neuert Architects. Prior to becoming Dean at the University of Toronto in 2004, Baird was the G. Ware Travelstead Professor of Architecture at the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University. He has published and lectured widely throughout most parts of the world.

He is co-editor (with Charles Jencks) of *Meaning in Architecture* (1969), and (with Mark Lewis) of *Queues Rendezvous, Riots* (1995). He is author of *Alvar Aalto* (1969) and *The Space of Appearance* (1995). His latest book: *Public Space; Cultural/Political Theory; Street Photography* was published by SUN Publications in Amsterdam in 2011.

Baird's consulting firm, Baird Sampson Neuert is the winner of numerous design awards, including Canadian Architect Magazine awards over many years, and Governor General's Awards for Cloud Gardens Park in 1994, Erindale Hall on the campus of the University of Toronto at Mississauga in 2006, and the French River Visitor Centre in 2010.

Baird is a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts. He has been the recipient of the Toronto Arts Foundation's Architecture and Design Award (1992), the da Vinci Medal of the Ontario Association of Architects (2000), and the Gold Medal of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (2010). Most recently, he has been selected as the 2012 winner of the Topaz Medallion of the American Institute of Architects and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.





## THE JURY



**James M. Wright** was a co-founder of Young + Wright Architects Inc. and is now Director at IBI Group Architects. He has over 35 years experience in major urban design and architectural projects many of which have been the recipients of design awards including the prestigious Governor General's Medals in Architecture.

Jamie Wright is a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute, attended the Dalhousie School of Architecture and the Harvard Graduate School for Design, and has been the president of the Ontario Association of Architects where he has received the Order of da Vinci award for his contribution to the profession.

Jamie has had a lifelong interest in the creative management of the design process and regularly leads design "charrettes" with project user groups to evolve the optimal design solution. He has had an enduring interest in master planning, which he views as the exercising of an architect's collective architectural experience.



**Brad Fleisher** has over 30 years of landscape architectural experience including numerous institutional projects for municipalities, health care providers, universities and community colleges. His strengths are in programme development, site planning and detailed design, leaving each project with a sense of *genus loci* through the creation of memorable landscape details. Brad's professional interest, in the learning process and design for the elderly, has manifested in the creation of learning, reading and therapy gardens for users of all ages. As Principal-In-Charge in the firm of Fleisher Ridout Partnership Inc., Brad is involved from the start to finish of each project, attending all key meetings and presentations and supervising all aspects of design through construction.

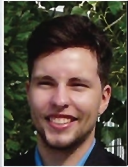
Brad's experience in open space development for institutional landscapes has been gained from project management and design for a wide range of projects including; school boards across the GTA, community colleges in southern Ontario and campus work for the University of Toronto, Mississauga, including; the Wellness Centre, 2005., the parking garage, 2010 and the north campus Open Space Master Plan., the Gateway and Student Plaza for McMaster University, and Trent University in Peterborough. His contributions range from; programme development, site sustainability to meet LEED and Municipal Green Development Standards initiatives, through preparation of concepts, site planning and detailed design. As part of the planning process, Brad has represented numerous school site projects on environmental issues at public open houses, Planning Committee, and the Ontario Municipal Board. His recent planning and design projects, include University of Toronto at Mississauga, Instructional Centre Building, and Trent University Athletic Centre Addition.

Brad is a member of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects and Canadian Society of Landscape Architects.





## THE JURY



**David Ferro** joins the Jury as representative of the winning concept submission of the Urban Design Awards student poster competition.

David is a graduate of the Urban and Regional Planning program at Ryerson University. His studies focused on interests such as urban design, downtown revitalization and regional planning. He is looking to extend his education within the elements of urban design further on in his career.

Currently, David is working as a Committee of Adjustment planner at the City of Mississauga in the Planning and Building Department, where he is involved in providing comments for minor variance and consent applications. He was involved in projects such as a Campus Vitality Design Recommendation report for the Ryerson University Campus and the submission of a Community Services and Facilities Study for Urban Strategies Inc and the City of Toronto.

David's passion for city building looks to fuse the principles of planning and creativity of urban design to help strive towards a public realm that is dynamic and creates solution for the present and potential for the future.



**Edward R. Sajecki** is the Commissioner of Planning and Building for the City of Mississauga, Canada's sixth largest City with a population of 741,000. Prior to joining Mississauga, he was Assistant Deputy Minister with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the Province of Ontario, responsible for land use planning, building and housing. Before joining the Province, he was General Manager of Development and Infrastructure of the City of Burlington as well as Chief Executive Officer of the Burlington Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Sajecki has wide ranging senior executive experience in urban planning, development and management with local governments, and was Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development for the former Cities of Etobicoke and York. He has also served as General Manager of Planning and Development for Eastern Canada for Canadian National Real Estate.

Mr. Sajecki is a civil engineer and professional planner. He has international experience related to local government in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Caribbean and has provided advice to governments on strategic planning and economic development. Mr. Sajecki holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Civil Engineering) from the University of Toronto and a Master of Science (Urban Studies) from Salford University in England. He also completed the Executive Management Program at the School of Business of Queen's University. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI), and a past president of the Association of Ontario Land Economists.



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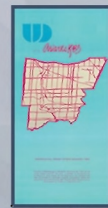
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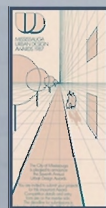
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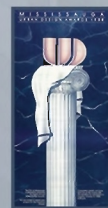
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