

## WILLIAM CURRAN ELECTED AS A FELLOW OF THE ROYAL ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA

We are proud to announce that William Curran has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) in recognition of his outstanding achievements in and contribution to the architecture profession!

The RAIC is the leading voice for excellence in the built environment in Canada. RAIC Fellowship is offered to show great esteem for his pursuit of design excellence and his personal contributions to his community and to the profession. In being named a Fellow by his peers, Bill joins an esteemed list of Canada's most distinguished architects who have positively transformed our nation's built environment.

As the Principal of TCA Architects on James St. N., Bill is a cornerstone of the practice where he continues to transform and create buildings and spaces that innovate. Over his 37-year career Bill has garnered numerous design awards with his team on their projects and on their own development projects, and their work has been published internationally. Their work seeks to transcend the ordinary, imbued with purpose and generosity.

Their work is wide ranging across Canada and the US, and locally includes the Lister Building, Good Shepherd Square, Mills Hardware, St. Joseph's Healthcare King Street Campus, Cathedral of Christ the King renovations, the Reservoir Dogs Townhouses, the Cayuga Public Library, Rapsallion Restaurants, Mohawk's McKeil School of Business, McMaster's Thode and Mills Libraries, the McMaster Burlington and Stonechurch Family Health Centres, Lakeview Winery, 118 James St. N., The Gasworks and the recent Haldimand County Administration Building.

Bill has also taught architecture for over 25 years, has lectured or been a guest critic at a number of universities in Canada, the US and Europe, and has sought to inspire students to strive for design excellence. He says that *'Teaching has always been important to me, and frankly, has made me a better architect'*. In his contributions to the profession and community, Bill was Chair of the Hamilton+Burlington Society of Architects for 8 years and has served on numerous community boards of directors. He received the Sculthorpe Award for Advocacy from the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, he co-organized the Future Cities Show with the Art Gallery of Hamilton and has been a tireless advocate seeking civic improvements and planning reform. TCA also make significant charitable donations to and undertake pro-bono projects for non-profit organizations annually. Curran and his wife Maryanne also built a Free Library and Public Bench on his front lawn for his North End community. TCA's development projects have been catalytic in Hamilton's renaissance, and their downtown studio is intentionally oversized to allow its use for community events that have included non-profits' fundraisers, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra quartet concerts, Mohawk and McMaster events, public lectures and architectural community events.

Also a recipient of the Ontario Association of Architect's Raymore Medal, Bill tries to lead an exemplary life as an architect, as an advocate for the profession and as a community leader.

*"It is an incredible honour to me to be appointed as a Fellow of the RAIC because beyond recognizing our team's work, it recognizes the importance of high quality architecture that is socially and environmentally responsible,"* says Curran. *"We always seek to innovate and transcend the ordinary in our work."*

Representing Canada coast-to-coast, the 26 new Fellows will be celebrated at a Convocation and Investiture ceremony during the RAIC's Festival of Architecture on June 17st.

Congratulations, Bill!



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