

**2021**

**URBAN  
DESIGN  
AWARDS**  
LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA



**CALL FOR ENTRIES.**



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The logo features the year '2021' in large white font on a red trapezoidal background. To the right, the words 'URBAN DESIGN AWARDS' are stacked in bold, sans-serif font. 'URBAN' and 'AWARDS' are black, while 'DESIGN' is red. Below this, the location 'LONDON. ONTARIO. CANADA' is written in a smaller, black, all-caps font.

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

Building on the success of the Urban Design Awards over the past 14 years, the City of London is pleased to announce the 2021 Urban Design Awards. The purpose of the Awards is to recognize, celebrate and inspire design excellence and to showcase a variety of innovative projects in the City of London. Design Awards will be granted for exceptional projects that represent visionary thinking and raise-the-bar for design excellence in London.

To allow the winning entries to be showcased at a national level, the award categories align with The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) National Urban Design Awards Program.

The deadline for entries is **Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.** Please submit your applications to the City Planning office at 206 Dundas Street.

For further information, please contact:

Ryan Nemis at (519) 661-2489 ext. 7901 or [rnemis@london.ca](mailto:rnemis@london.ca)

# AWARD CATEGORIES



EMS Multi-Purpose Facility, Buildings Category - Winner, 2019

## BUILDINGS

Entries for this category include: an individual building, or a composition of buildings, which achieves urban design excellence through its relationship to the public realm, its massing, detailing and pedestrian amenity. Entrants should document and highlight how the building, or group of buildings, contributes to the quality of place. All types of buildings are eligible whether “landmark” or “background,” new construction or a restoration/transformation. Building types could include: Main Street Mixed Use, Residential (detached, attached, multi-unit), Commercial, Institutional or Industrial.

The primary criteria for assessing the merit of entries in this category will be:

- Positive contribution to the public realm/quality of place;
- Architectural excellence; and,
- Demonstration of fulfilling a clearly articulated urban design intent.

## BUILDINGS (SMALL-SCALE RESIDENTIAL)

Entries for this category include: a residential building, which achieves urban design excellence through its relationship to the surrounding neighbourhood, its massing, siting and detailing. Entrants should document and highlight how the building contributes to the overall character as well as to the quality of place in the neighbourhood in which it is located. All types of small scale non-apartment residential buildings are eligible, whether new construction or restoration/transformation. Building types could include single detached residential; townhouses; semi's; 2-, 3-, or 4-plexes.

The primary criteria for assessing the merit of entries in this category will be:

- Positive contribution to the character of the existing neighbourhood/quality of place;
- Architectural excellence; and,
- Demonstration of fulfilling a clearly articulated urban design intent.





## PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENTS

Entries for this category include: elements that can be defined as a stand-alone object, or landscape element which contributes significantly to the quality of the public realm. It should provide a memorable image, reinforce the human scale and enhance the character of the surrounding area.

Examples include:

- Benches
- Gateways
- Light fixtures
- Walkways
- Fences
- Work of art

# PUBLIC SPACES AND LANDSCAPES

Entries for this category include: public spaces, which generally relate to, and are defined by, adjacent buildings or natural/manmade elements that provides an extension to the public realm in an exemplary way.

Examples include:

- Courtyards
- Plazas
- Forecourts
- Gardens
- Trails
- Mews
- Parks



## LARGE PLACES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

Entries for this category include: designs for a new or renovated large-scale area of the city. The project must be completed to such an extent to allow the jury to clearly understand and evaluate the plan.

The submissions in this category should clearly state the existing conditions and demonstrate how the plan creatively resolves and addresses multiple objectives and competing interests. The submission should also provide evidence of community involvement and acceptance.

Examples include:

- Area plans
- Subdivisions
- Industrial parks
- Campus plans
- Streetscapes





# ADAPTIVE REUSE OR REHABILITATION

Entries for this category include: designs for an existing building, or group of buildings, for a purpose other than which it was originally built or designed for, or the rehabilitation and restoration of an existing building to its former condition. Entrants should document and highlight how the project enhances the building, or group of buildings, and contributes to the overall character.

The submissions in this category should clearly state the existing conditions and demonstrate how the design creatively resolves and addresses multiple objectives and competing interests. The renovation must be visible on the exterior of the building or group of buildings.

Examples include:

- Major additions to older buildings
- Heritage facade restoration
- Adaptive reuse of industrial buildings



Fanshawe College, School of Culinary Arts & Information Technology, Adaptive Re-Use or Rehabilitation Category - Winner, 2019

## PEOPLES CHOICE

This year, the public will have a chance to vote for their favourite 2019 London Urban Design Awards nominee. All submissions for buildings, buildings (small scale residential), public realm enhancements, public spaces and landscapes, large places and neighbourhoods, and adaptive use or rehabilitation are eligible to win.

All submissions will be listed on the City of London 'Urban Design Awards' webpage, following the close of the Call for Entries on May 24th, 2019. Notice for voting will be advertised to the general public and all entrants.

The nominee with the most votes will receive the 'People's Choice Award' at the 2019 London Urban Design Awards.

Winning submissions will not be submitted to the National Urban Design Awards unless they have won in another category.



# PEOPLES CHOICE STUDENT PROJECT

Students in Urban Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Planning, Landscape Design, Environmental Design and Planning, or other design programs are invited to submit theoretical or studio projects set in, or relating to London.

A short list of the top projects will be selected to be displayed for voting at the 2021 Urban Design Awards ceremony. Voting will take place during the awards ceremony by all attendees. The award for the 'People's Choice Student Project' will be awarded to the project with the most votes.

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# REQUIREMENTS



Battle of the Atlantic Memorial, Public Spaces and Landscapes Category - Honourable Mention, 2017

## SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A completed entry form (see last page of this document)
- An abstract of the project to explain its design qualities and how this project significantly adds to the quality of the public realm in London (One page - 8.5" x 11"). The abstract should also touch on those items that are outlined in the relevant awards category descriptions. This abstract is to be provided electronically to the City as a PDF file.
- Two display boards maximum (24" x 36" or 60.96 cm x 91.44 cm)
- A photo slide show, not exceeding 50 photographs illustrating the design qualities of the project described in the abstract. This slide show is to be provided in a PowerPoint format.

## NOTES

1. Materials submitted to the City of London become property of the City. Submission of materials implies consent for the City of London to disseminate such materials at the sole discretion of the City. Materials of the award winner's will not be returned.

# RAIC SUBMISSION



Villias of Wortley, Buildings Category - Honourable Mention, 2017

Following the Urban Design Awards ceremony, the winning submissions will be given instructions as to how their projects can be submitted to the National Urban Design Awards Program. The submission requirements for the National Urban Design Awards can be found on the RAIC website.



# ENTRY FORM

## PROJECT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Completion Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Projects must have been completed after January 1, 2015 and before May 31st 2019 for award eligibility.

## CATEGORY APPLIED FOR:

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

## LEAD FIRM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## ASSOCIATE FIRMS (IF APPLICABLE)

Planner/Urban Designer: \_\_\_\_\_

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_

Landscape Architect: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## OWNER/DEVELOPER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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