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The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada’s first ever International Indigenous Architecture and Design Symposium will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2017, in Ottawa in conjunction with the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada/Ontario Architectural Association’s annual Festival of Architecture.

An estimated 100 delegates comprised of Canadian Indigenous and international architects, aligned design, and building professionals, students, and interns will gather at The Wabano Centre in Ottawa. Designed by Indigenous architect Douglas Cardinal, it is a beautiful and culturally appropriate place to undertake this important and ground-breaking Symposium.

The Symposium will privilege Indigenous architecture and design in Canada and across the globe. Presentations will feature best practices and processes celebrating Indigenous architecture, design and place-making.

Indigenous Task Force

The new RAIC Indigenous Task Force is comprised largely of Indigenous architects and intern architects. Its core purpose is to foster and promote Indigenous design in Canada in rural, Métis and Northern communities, First Nations, and in urban spaces and advocacy with and on behalf of Indigenous communities. Task Force members believe strongly that Architecture is a public-spirited profession with an important role in reconciliation – addressing injustices through giving agency back to Indigenous people.

“Too often First Nation, Métis, and Inuit capital projects are designed with minimal community involvement, and ultimately fail to meet community objectives for this reason ... we need designers and designs that create long-term relevance, exemplify a respectful cultural and economic and environmental responsibility to sustainable development and consider the reciprocal well-being and quality of life of the people.”

Dr. Patrick Stewart, MRAIC, Chair of the RAIC Indigenous Task Force

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Information on the 2017 Symposium
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