

## RAIC Honours Peter Busby with 2014 Gold Medal

OTTAWA, March 7, 2014 — The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) is pleased to announce Peter Busby — a pioneer of the sustainable architecture movement — as the 2014 recipient of the RAIC Gold Medal.

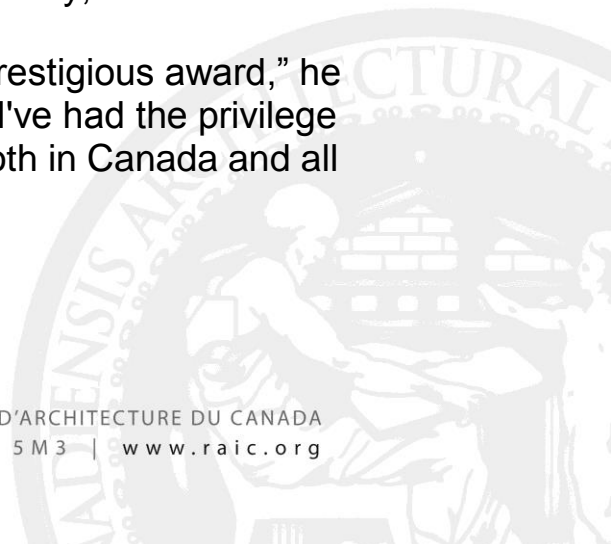
The Gold Medal is the highest honour RAIC can bestow. It recognizes a significant and lasting contribution to Canadian architecture. A five-member jury unanimously selected Mr. Busby, FRAIC, C.M., LEED® Fellow.

“Mr. Busby was awarded the RAIC Gold Medal for his pioneer efforts in bringing sustainable design and development to the forefront of the practice of architecture,” the jury wrote.

“Through his on-going efforts, the importance of a more responsible approach to building and urban development has become part of the mainstream of architectural practice and education.”

Until recently, Mr. Busby was based in Vancouver. His award-winning portfolio embodies his philosophy of social responsibility and commitment to sustainable design. It includes projects such as the VanDusen Botanical Garden Visitor Centre in Vancouver, BC, Dockside Green in Victoria, BC. and the Vale Living with Lakes Center at Laurentian University in Sudbury, ON.

“I am deeply honoured to receive this very prestigious award,” he says. “I share it with the many collaborators I've had the privilege of working with over the years on projects both in Canada and all over the globe.”



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Since opening his Vancouver practice in 1984, Mr. Busby's body of work has gained a reputation for design excellence and innovation, becoming a powerful catalyst in the growth of the green architecture movement in North America and abroad.

After merging his firm with Perkins+Will in 2004, he became a driving force across the company stimulating its industry-leading sustainable design initiatives. In 2012, Peter relocated to be the Managing Director of Perkins+Will's San Francisco office. He brings his focus on sustainable communities and regenerative design to all Perkins+Will's West Coast offices, directing teams working on local and international projects.

Mr. Busby's dedication to design advocacy remains steadfast; he lectures frequently at academic institutions and professional engagements around the world.

"His pioneering work in sustainable design and his international influence in this regard has ensured a permanent place for Mr. Busby in Canadian architectural history, for both design and innovation," the jury wrote.

Mr. Busby holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of British Columbia and a BA in political philosophy from the University of Toronto. In 2008, he received an honorary doctorate in science from Ryerson University and in 2011 was named a Cascadia Fellow.

In 2013, he was elevated to LEED Fellow, a designation of the U.S. Green Building Council, which recognizes exceptional contributions to the green building community as well as significant



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achievements within a growing community of sustainable design professionals.

The Gold Medal will be presented at a ceremony at the RAIC Festival of Architecture which takes place in Winnipeg May 28 to 31.

The jury members were:

Peter Cardew, FRAIC, a Vancouver architect and Past Gold Medalist

Yves Gosselin, AP/FIRAC, Past President of the RAIC and an urban design consultant in Ottawa

Maxime-Alexis Frappier, MIRAC, a Montreal architect and Immediate Past recipient of the RAIC's Young Architect Award

Carol Kleinfeldt, FRAIC, a Toronto architect

Dinu Bumbaru, Policy Director, Heritage Montreal

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Recent projects by Perkins+Will under Peter Busby's direction:

## **1. VanDusen Botanical Garden Visitor Centre, Vancouver, BC**

Designed to exceed LEED Platinum status, the Visitor Centre is the first building in Canada to apply for the Living Building Challenge. The building uses on-site, renewable sources to achieve net-zero energy on an annual basis. Completed in 2011.

## **2. Dockside Green, Victoria, BC**

Dockside Green, the largest development in Victoria's history, involves the reclamation and redevelopment of 15 acres of formerly industrial waterfront property. It includes 1.3 million square feet of commercial, residential, live-work and light-industrial uses. With a LEED Platinum target for each building on site, the project is a global showcase for large-scale integrated sustainable development. Third phase completed in 2009.



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### **3. Vale Living with Lakes Center, Laurentian University, Sudbury, ON**

In keeping with the nature of the University's Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit (CFEU) and its programs, the new facility is designed as a restorative building. That means it advances beyond the idea of a building that simply does less harm, to one that can have a positive effect on its environment. The building systems are designed to address climate change models to 2050. Certified LEED Platinum, it was completed in 2011 in joint venture with J.L Richard & Associates Limited.

### **4. The Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability (CIRS) University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC**

The Centre houses researchers from private, public, and non-government organization sectors who work together under a common mission: to accelerate sustainability. The building harvests sunlight, captures waste heat from a nearby building, and exchanges heating and cooling with the ground — and returns 600-megawatt-hours of surplus energy back to campus while removing 170 tonnes of GHG emissions a year. Completed in 2011.

### **5. Blatchford Redevelopment, Edmonton, AB**

The winner of an international design competition, the master plan for the redevelopment of Edmonton's airport lands creates a large destination park that knits together disparate communities and land uses. The Edmonton City Center will be home to 30,000



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Edmontonians living, working and learning in a sustainable community. It uses 100 per cent renewable energy, is carbon neutral, and empowers residents to pursue sustainable lifestyle choices. The master plan was completed in 2012.

## Biography

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Managing Director, Principal  
Perkins+Will

Internationally recognized and published for his contributions to Architecture and Planning, Peter Busby's award-winning portfolio embodies his philosophy of social responsibility and commitment to sustainable design. Since opening his Vancouver practice in 1984, Peter's body of work has gained a reputation for design excellence and innovation, becoming a powerful catalyst in the growth of the green architecture movement in North America and abroad. After merging his firm with Perkins+Will in 2004, Peter became a driving force across the company, compelling its industry-leading sustainable design initiatives. In 2012, Peter relocated to be the Managing Director of Perkins+Will's San Francisco office, bringing his focus on sustainable communities and regenerative design to all Perkins+Will's West Coast offices, directing teams working on projects locally and internationally. Peter's dedication to design advocacy remains steadfast; he lectures frequently at academic institutions and professional engagements around the world.



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