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RAIC Advocate for Architecture Award Terms of Reference

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1. Purpose

This award celebrates an individual, or collective of individuals, who has made a significant public contribution to the advancement of Canadian architecture through their advocacy, patronage, and/or other forms of support. Candidates may include clients or patrons, educators, public servants, architects, allied professions and others. It considers exemplary approaches to sustainability; and the support and advancement of equity, diversity, and inclusion. The award recognizes long-term commitment to the profession at an international, national, regional or local level.

2. Eligibility

Any individual or collective of individuals is eligible for this award.

3. Call for Nominations

Nominations can be made by one or more members of the RAIC. Previous nominees may be re-nominated.

4. Submission Materials

The following items must be completed or provided:

1. A nomination form signed by the nominator;
2. A current résumé of the nominee(s);
3. A maximum three-page report summarizing the activities of the individual, demonstrating their ongoing advocacy for architects and/or architecture;
4. A minimum of three letters of support from architects, academics, cultural critics, and/or others familiar with the nominee's work specific to this nomination;
5. A maximum 200-word abstract summarizing the submission, provided in English and/or French;
6. Relevant supporting material, such as awards, publications, etc., and up to ten images (optional);
7. A completed image index, providing captions and full credit information for each image (if applicable).

5. Selection Process



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The RAIC Awards Advisory Committee shall appoint a jury each year. The judging process, led by a professional advisor, shall reflect the RAIC's values throughout. The number of jurors may vary from year to year.

6. Number of Awards

One award will be conferred. At its discretion, the jury may elect not to confer an award.

7. Frequency

The award is to be offered every year.

8. Public Presentation

The Advocate for Architecture Award will be presented at a public event.