Royal Architectural Institute of Canada
COVID-19 PULSE SURVEY #2 – SUMMARY

SURVEY OPEN: April 30 - May 8, 2020
DISTRIBUTION: Direct emails to the RAIC distribution list, social media platforms, provincial associations/regulators
PURPOSE: Collect information about experiences and impact in the following areas: access to the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan benefits, revenues, operations, staffing and human resources and readiness for return to work service delivery. This will inform RAIC activities to support the architectural sector (e.g. advocacy, education, resources)

181 ORGANIZATIONS representing 4483-6489 INDIVIDUALS

RAIC member: 82%
Non-member: 18%
Employee: 38%
Solo practitioner/proprietor: 13%
Firm owner/partner: 40%
77% architects (retired, intern, student, allied professional)

68% have had work hours reduced
21% reduced by 76-100%
15% reduced by 1-25%

WORK HOURS

62% individuals have had income reduced

- Reduced by 1-25%
- Reduced by 26-50%
- Reduced by 51-75%
- Reduced by 76-99%
- Reduced by 100%

INCOME AND REVENUE

59% organizations have experienced loss of revenue

- Loss of 1-25%
- Loss of 26-50%
- Loss of 51-75%
- Loss of 76-99%
- Loss of 100%

• 47% have had to lay off staff
• 25% somewhat likely to lay off staff
• 6% very likely to lay off staff

HUMAN RESOURCES

14% 27% 6% 59% 44%

Organizational health
- 6% companies somewhat or very likely to close

• 49% have made financial investments to support staff to work from home

- $1-$500
- $501-$1000
- $1001-$1999
- $2000-$5000
- $5000+

PROJECTS

80% report some level of project cancellation
26% report some level of project postponement

APPLIED FOR FEDERAL OR PROVINCIAL BENEFITS

- Not eligible for benefits: 8%
- Not yet applied for benefits: 37%
- Received benefits: 24%
- Applied for federal or provincial benefits: 67%

ACCESS TO BENEFITS

“(The RAIC should) continue to be a ‘voice for architects’ to the government and other organizations to advocate for us”

58%

READINESS TO WORK

- Ready to return to work now: 58%
- Ready to return to work 0-4 weeks: 42%
- Ready to return to work 4-12 weeks: 10%

“Thank you for taking the time to ensure your members are being heard.”