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CALL FOR ENTRIES

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Building on the success of the Urban Design Awards over the past 18 years, the City of London is pleased to announce the 2025 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. Urban 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 **Friday, June 20th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**

Please submit your applications to Planning & Development, City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue or email to arrange an alternative drop-off. Any physical materials (display board / USB, etc.) can be dropped off at the Path2Approval counter on the second floor of City Hall, and digital materials can be emailed to the contact below.

For further information, please contact:

Urban Design at ud@london.ca or (519) 930-3500.

AWARD CATEGORIES



Summerside Public School & Children's Centre
Honourable Mention, Urban Architecture, 2023

URBAN DESIGN PLANS

Designs for the development of new or renovated large-scale areas of the city. The project must be completed to such an extent as to allow the jury to be able 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 are:

- Area plans
- Subdivisions
- Industrial parks
- Campus plans



Zerin Place Affordable Housing
Winner, Urban Architecture, 2023

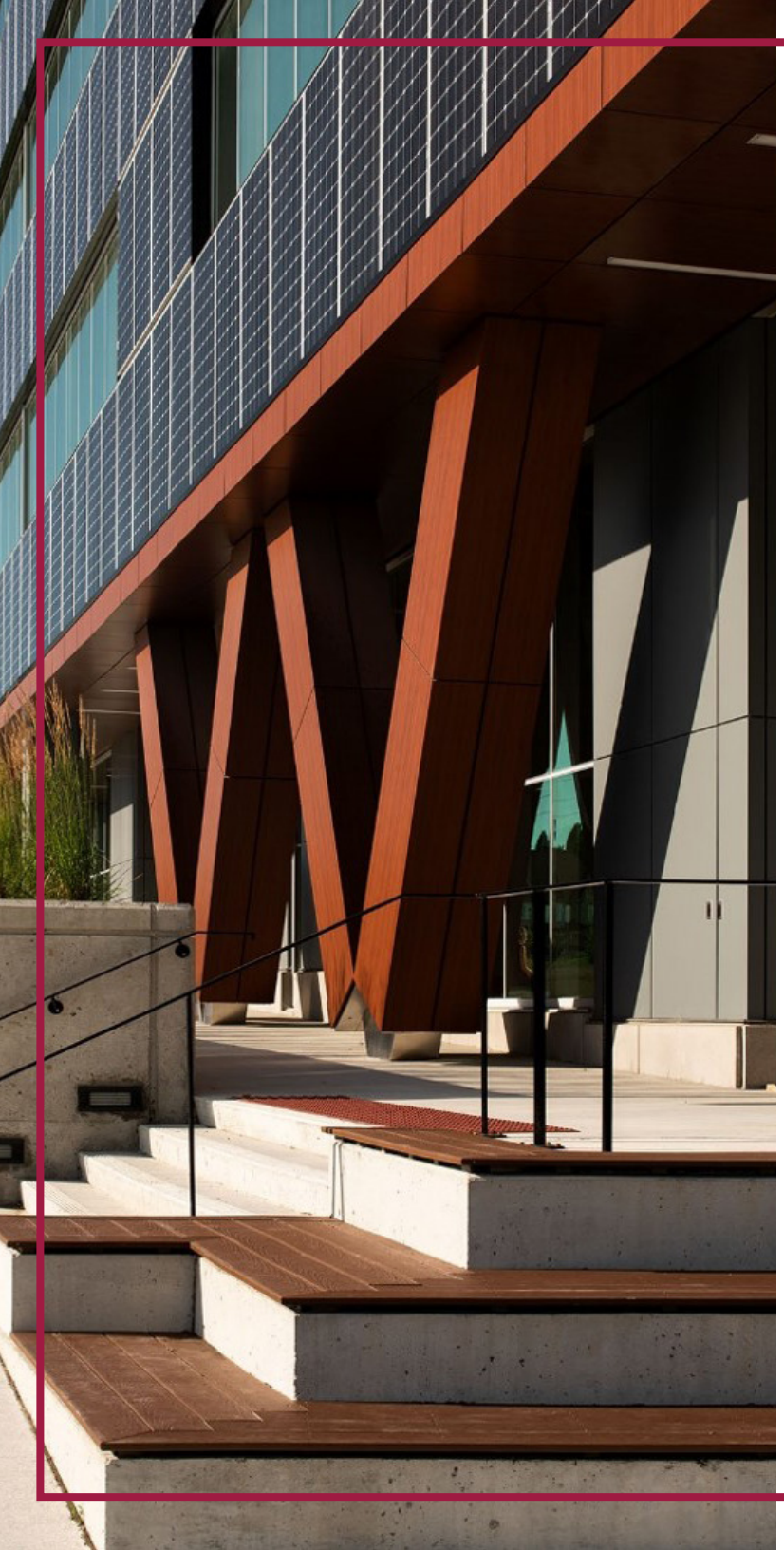
URBAN ARCHITECTURE

An individual building, or a composition of buildings (of any size), 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/adaptive-reuse. Building types could include: Residential (single-detached, multi-unit, apartment), Mixed-use, 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;
- Demonstration of fulfilling a clearly articulated urban design intent.



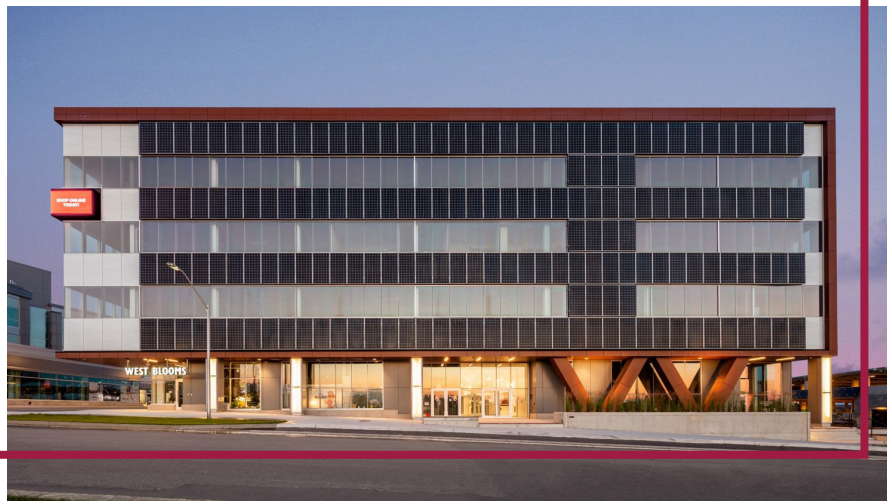


URBAN FRAGMENTS

Elements which can be defined as a stand-alone object, landscape element, or building 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:

- Street furniture
- Public art
- Walkways
- Light fixtures
- Fences
- Gateways
- Memorials



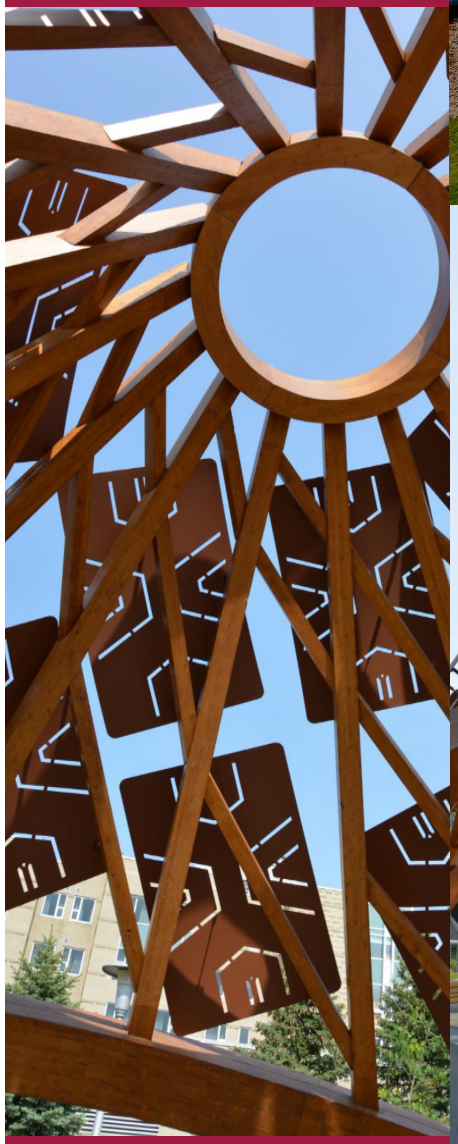
West 5 Office Building
Winner, Buildings Category, 2021

CIVIC DESIGN PROJECTS

Public spaces including the development, redevelopment, or significant improvement of parks and open spaces, plazas, public infrastructure, environmental infrastructure, and civil engineering projects (or elements thereof) which provide for exemplary design. Projects may be on public or private property, but must be accessible to the general public and visitors.

Examples are:

- Courtyards
- Plazas
- Trails
- Mews
- Parks
- Streetscapes







Wampum Learning Lodge
Winner, Civic Design, 2023



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

The People's Choice Award gives the public the chance to vote for their favourite 2025 London Urban Design Awards nominee. All submissions for the Urban Architecture, Urban Design Plans, Urban Fragments, and Civic Design Projects categories are eligible to win.

All submissions will be listed on the City of London 2025 Urban Design Awards webpage following the close of the Call for Entries after June 20th, 2025. 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 2025 Urban Design Awards.

The winning submission for the People's Choice Award will not be submitted to the RAIC National Urban Design Awards unless it has won in another category.

Matthews Hall
Winner, People's Choice Award, 2023



PEOPLE'S 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 listed for voting on the 2025 Urban Design Awards webpage on the City of London website. Notice for voting will be advertised to the general public and all entrants.

Winning entries will not be submitted to the RAIC National Urban Design Awards.



East Lions Park & Community Centre

Winner, Civic Design, 2023



REQUIREMENTS



Byron Pool & Bathhouse
Honourable Mention, Civic Design, 2023

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. The abstract should also address those items that are outlined in the relevant awards category descriptions. This abstract is to be provided electronically to the City as a one-page PDF file.
- One physical display board - 24" x 36" or 60.96 cm x 91.44 cm (digital is acceptable for student projects).
- 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 electronically to the City as a PDF file.

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 will not be returned.

RAIC SUBMISSIONS

Following the Urban Design Awards event, the **winning** submissions will be given instructions as to how their projects can be submitted to the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) National Urban Design Awards Program. The submission requirements for the National Urban Design Awards can be found on the RAIC website.



Aspire Food Group Production Facility
Honourable Mention, Urban Architecture, 2023

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ENTRY FORM

PROJECT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Project Completion Date*: _____

*Projects must have been completed after January 1, 2021 and before May 31st 2025 for award eligibility.

CATEGORY APPLIED FOR:

Category: _____

LEAD FIRM

Name of Firm: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

ASSOCIATE FIRMS (IF APPLICABLE)

Planner/Urban Designer: _____

Architect: _____

Landscape Architect: _____

Email Address: _____

OWNER/DEVELOPER

Name of Owner/Developer: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

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