

National awards recognize outstanding engineering achievements

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A total of 26 awards were recently handed out at the annual Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards gala. Consulting engineering firms from across Canada received top honours for their work on projects that connect communities, improve safety and enhance the quality of life in Canada and around the world.

Now in their 45th year, these awards are the highest recognition for excellence in the Canadian consulting engineering industry. The awards program is a joint initiative of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Canada (ACEC) and Canadian Consulting Engineer magazine. Commenting on the significance of the awards, ACEC president John Gamble stated, "These awards showcase the important role of Canadian consulting engineers in every aspect of our lives."

A record 20 projects, in a range of categories, were recognized with Awards of Excellence. Five special achievement awards were also presented for projects that demonstrate superior technical innovation, environmental stewardship, Canadian expertise abroad, engineering that enhances Canadians' quality of life, and company benevolence in Canada or internationally.

In addition, ACEC presented its Beaubien Award, an honour bestowed on an individual each year for exceptional service to the association and the consulting engineering industry.

The Schreyer Award is presented to a project that best demonstrates technical excellence and innovation, and was given to the West Edmonton Sanitary Sewer Stage W12 by SMA Consulting Ltd. & Associated Engineering.

The Tree for Life Award is presented to a project that best demonstrates outstanding environmental stewardship, and was awarded to Sydney Tar Ponds and Coke Oven Sites Remediation in Sydney, Nova Scotia by AECOM and CBCL Limited.

The Ambassador Award is presented to a project constructed or executed outside of Canada which best showcases Canadian engineering expertise, and was given to the Allain Duhangan Hydroelectric Project in Hymachal Pradesh, India by AECOM.

The Engineering a Better Canada Award is presented to a project that best showcases how engineering enhances the social, economic or cultural quality of life of Canadians, and was

awarded to Seismic Retrofit Guidelines for BC Schools by Ausenco Engineering Canada Inc., Bush Bohlman & Partners, Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd. and GENIVAR.

The Outreach Award is presented for a company's role in donating their time and/or services for the benefit of a community or group either in Canada or on the international stage, and was given to Golder Associates Charitable Initiatives in Calgary.

Awards of Excellence were also announced in several categories.

In the Buildings category, four awards recognized: Construction of the Centre for Sustainable Development in Montreal by Bouthillette Parizeau Inc.; Redevelopment of Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto by exp Services Inc.; Surrey City Centre Library by Fast + Epp; and the Mike & Ophelia Lazaridis Quantum-Nano Centre in Waterloo by Halsall Associates.

In the Transportation category, two awards recognized Winnipeg's First Rapid Transit Corridor - Southwest Transitway by Dillon Consulting Limited and the Squamish Pedestrian Overpass by Hatch Mott MacDonald Ltd.

In the Water Resources category, the Lorne Park Water Treatment Plant Expansion in Mississauga by AECOM with GENIVAR won an award, as did the Exshaw Municipal Water System in Exshaw, Alberta by ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. and the West Edmonton Sanitary Sewer Stage W12 by SMA Consulting Ltd. & Associated Engineering.

In the Environmental Remediation category, two projects won awards: the Sydney Tar Ponds and Coke Oven Sites Remediation in Sydney, Nova Scotia by AECOM and CBCL Limited; and the Harvest Energy Garden in Richmond, BC by Opus DaytonKnight Consultants Ltd.

In the Natural Resources, Mining, Industry & Energy category, AECOM's Allain Duhangan Hydroelectric Project in Hymachal Pradesh, India picked up an award, as did Hatch's Palo Viejo Hydroelectric Project – the Municipality of San Juan Cotzal in the Department of Quiche in Guatemala, and the also the Alexandra District Energy Geothermal System in Richmond, BC by Stantec Consulting Ltd.

In the Special Projects category, Seismic Retrofit Guidelines for BC Schools by Ausenco Engineering Canada Inc., Bush Bohlman & Partners, Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd. and GENIVAR won an award, as did Rewriting the History of the Khmer Empire – Siem Reap Province and Preah Vihear Province, Cambodia by McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd.

In the Project Management category, two awards were given to the Deh Cho Bridge near Fort Providence, Northwest Territories by Associated Engineering, and to Calgary's West LRT Project by Hatch Mott MacDonald Ltd.

In the International category, the only award was given to the SIEPAC Network – Engineering, Construction Contracts Management and Works Supervision in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama Dessau International Inc.

In the Community Outreach & In-House Initiatives category, Golder Associates Charitable Initiatives in Calgary received the only award.

The Beaubien Award recognizes exceptional service to ACEC and the consulting engineering industry, and was given to Norm Huggins, P. Eng., known for his outstanding leadership and contributions to the consulting engineering industry. He is highly regarded by the many colleagues who have developed their careers under his tutelage as well as the communities that have benefited from his expertise.

Award winners were selected by a panel of 12 independent jurors with varied backgrounds and knowledge of the industry.

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