



Ontario Recognizes Excellence in Wood Architecture *Winning Projects Celebrated & Announced during OFIA Convention*

Toronto, ON, February 24th, 2021 – The Canadian Wood Council’s Ontario Wood *WORKS!* program joined forces with the Ontario Forest Industries Association’s (OFIA) Virtual AGM on February 24th in Toronto to recognize six winning projects as part of the Ontario Wood Design Awards program.

- **Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Logistics Warehouse**, HDR Architects
- **Toronto Montessori School, Lower School Campus**, Farrow Partners Inc.
- **Seven Generations Education Institute**, Nelson Architecture Inc.
- **SmartVMC Bus Terminal**, Diamond Schmitt Architects
- **One Young**, WalterFedy Architects Engineers
- **Laurentian University New Student Centre**, Yallowega Belanger Salach Architecture

The awards presentation were part of OFIA’s 78th Annual Meeting and Convention, and were an opportunity to showcase excellence in wood architecture throughout the province.

“The winning projects reflect the innovation of an evolving wood culture that is gaining momentum in Ontario,” explained Marianne Berube, Executive Director for the Ontario Wood *WORKS!* Program. “We’re happy to partner with OFIA this year to recognize the design and construction teams that are pushing the boundaries of innovation for wood construction.”

The inspiring submissions for this year’s awards program were a reflection of the advancements in wood research and technology that are diversifying the application of wood in construction. The winning projects are thoughtful in design and execution, highlighting both structural and aesthetic benefits.

“The design and construction teams from the winning projects are revolutionizing the way we think about wood in construction,” said Ian Dunn, Interim President & CEO of OFIA. “Growing pressure for the built environment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions has resulted in more sustainably conscious building material choices that align with our members’ commitment for sustainable development – meeting the needs of today without compromising the needs of future generations.”

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