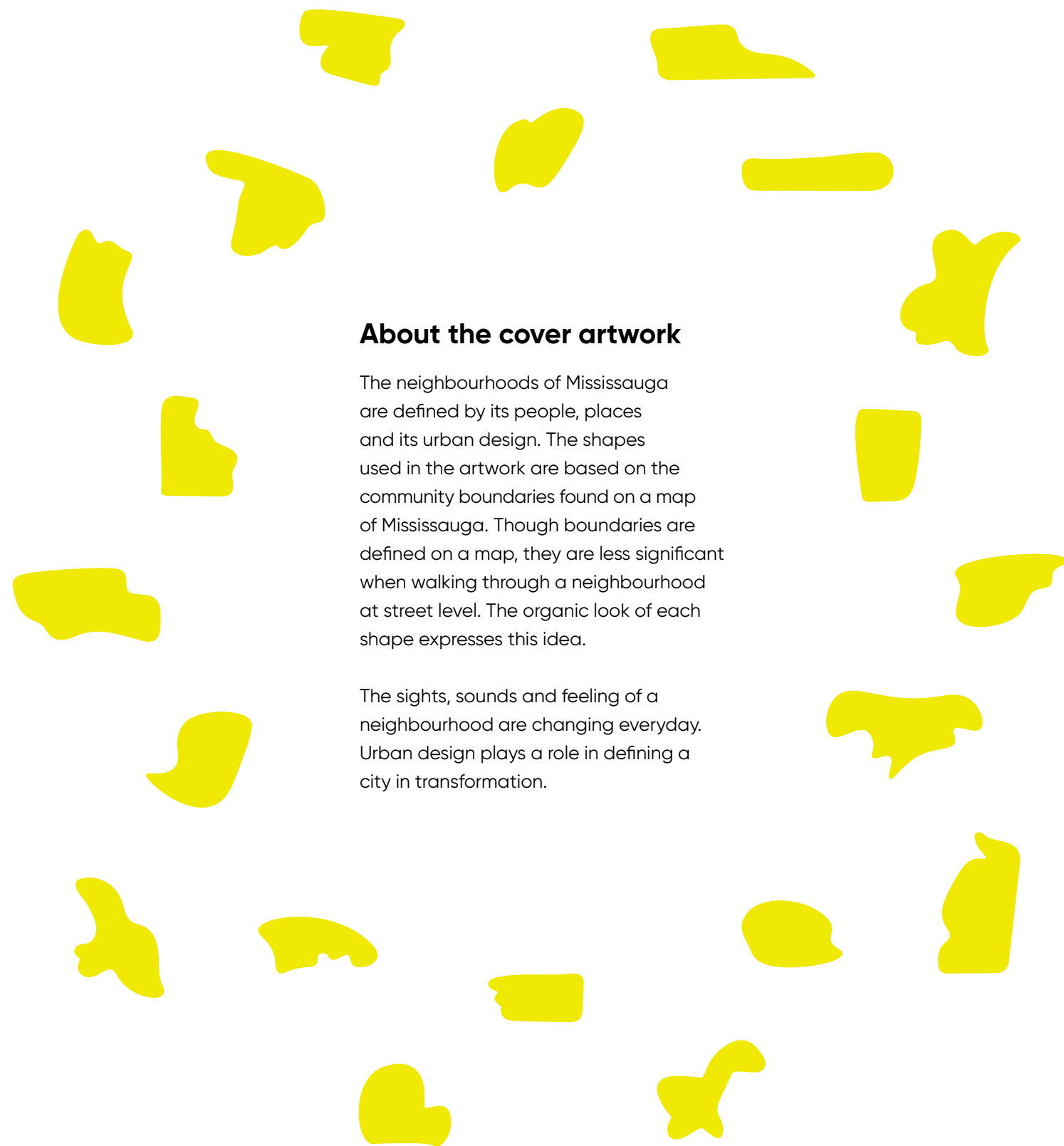


2023
**Mississauga
Urban Design
Awards**
Jury Report

**The
Next
Big
Thing**

We acknowledge the lands which constitute the present-day City of Mississauga as being part of the Treaty Lands and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat First Nation.

We recognize the ancestors of these peoples as the inhabitants of these lands since time immemorial. The City of Mississauga is home to Peoples from all parts of the world.



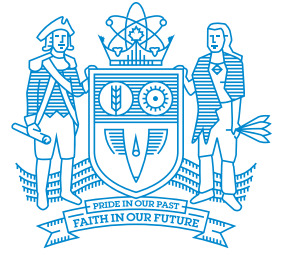
About the cover artwork

The neighbourhoods of Mississauga are defined by its people, places and its urban design. The shapes used in the artwork are based on the community boundaries found on a map of Mississauga. Though boundaries are defined on a map, they are less significant when walking through a neighbourhood at street level. The organic look of each shape expresses this idea.

The sights, sounds and feeling of a neighbourhood are changing everyday. Urban design plays a role in defining a city in transformation.

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Foreword

Urban design is a collective endeavour. When building a city, there is no one element – no single building, or park, or plaza – that makes the city great. Rather, it is how these elements work together, how they connect and interact, that define its character. Great places foster connections, community, and culture.

This doesn't happen by accident. A city is so much more than the buildings and roads that it builds. It's a network of connected elements and spaces that work together. Great cities are designed intentionally, cultivated carefully, and built purposefully. The Mississauga Urban Design Awards celebrates these achievements.

This year, the Mississauga Urban Design Awards is celebrating The Next Big Thing, highlighting innovative urban design projects that transform our community. With 24 submissions, and nine awards, Mississauga is a city where bold and innovative design thrives.

The Mississauga Urban Design Awards is the longest-running municipal program of its kind in Ontario. Through these awards, the City has encouraged, supported and celebrated excellence and innovation in urban design since 1981. In our growing and changing city, this continued commitment to design excellence has undoubtedly improved the health, livability and vibrancy of Mississauga as we know it today.

We are delighted to recognize our continued partnership with the Region of Peel's Public Health Unit to increase the awareness of how our environment shapes and impacts our health. Through this partnership, the City and Region have been recognizing healthy design achievements through the 'Healthy by Design' award, which has been a part of the program since 2014. We have also worked closely with the City of Mississauga's Heritage Planning and Public Art sections, who added great value to the urban design awards program.

I want to offer a special thanks to our 2023 jury members; Councillor Martin Reid, Dr. Nicholas Brandon, Caroline Kim, Tara Marchelwicz, Lesley Pavan, and Jane Welsh, who lent their expertise and contributed their time to review and select winners for this year's program.

We congratulate all of the winners, and acknowledge all of the submitted projects this year.

Sharon Mittmann
Manager of Urban Design, City of Mississauga

Bonnie Crombie Mayor of Mississauga



Dear Friends,
On behalf of the City of Mississauga and Members of Council, I would like to congratulate the winners of the 2023 Mississauga Urban Design Awards. In Mississauga, we truly believe in the power of design; we know that – through design excellence – we can improve the lives of our residents, and vibrancy of our communities

In our nearly fifty year history, Mississauga has grown from a collection of villages to a strong and vital urban centre; a major presence in both the province, and country. Throughout this evolution, the City's identity has also matured. Today, Mississauga is a green city that values our environment, a connected city that is preparing for the future, and a diverse city where everyone belongs.

While it's true that cities are built one brick at a time, the work of city building takes collaboration. We would not be a bold, bright and beautiful city without dedication from designers, architects, landscape architects, planners, builders, developers and owners. Their work has helped enhance our neighbourhoods that support strong, connected and vibrant communities. This includes eye-catching buildings that continue to make our skyline beautiful, unique streetscape elements, public art, and preservation of heritage resources.

Thank you also to the Jury Members who offered their time and professional expertise to help us recognize the best and the brightest. Once again, congratulations to all the award winners, and to all of the nominees. Your dedication in helping shape our city into a great place to live, work and play is an inspiration to us all.

Warmest Regards,

Bonnie Crombie, MBA, IDC.D
Mayor, City of Mississauga

Types of Awards

Award of Excellence

Given to projects that demonstrate excellence across all judging criteria.

Award of Merit

Given to projects that demonstrate excellence in one or more of the judging criteria.

Award of Healthy by Design

Given to projects that exemplify the six Healthy Community Design elements.

Award Categories

Urban elements

Projects in the urban elements category include standalone objects, public artwork, small-scale building components or landscape elements that contribute to the quality of the public realm.

Private projects

Projects in the private projects category include buildings or groups of buildings in all types and scales that achieve urban design excellence and set a precedent for future projects of their type. These projects contribute to successful city-building through their contextual relationship, design quality and measures of sustainable and healthy design.

Public projects

Projects in the public projects category include buildings or a group of buildings in all types and scales that are accessible and serve the public.

Judging Criteria

Citywide significance

Considers whether the project contributes to the City's design objectives as related to city image, visual identity, vistas, skyline, streetscapes, recognition of sites and location opportunities.

Community significance

Considers whether the project contributes to the quality of the environment within a community which demonstrates regard for the context of the locale, enhancing a sense of place, personal health, and safety, or reinforcing a unique history.

Living green

Considers whether the project demonstrates an integrated approach to design which supports environmental and sustainable site and building practices, while providing benefits to the community and supporting active modes of transportation, walkability and green infrastructure.

Innovation

Considers the degree of creative response to program requirements and site constraints, considering sustainable best practices, including LEED and Low Impact Development, with the ability to influence trends.

Context

Considers the relationship or blending of built form and spaces with existing and planned development, and respect for and enhancement of the area's character.

Execution

Considers the quality of construction materials and the interpretation of design into reality and how it supports the City's Strategic Plan and the five Strategic Pillars for Change:

Move: Developing a transit-oriented city

Belong: Ensuring youth, older adults and new immigrants thrive, ensure accessibility

Connect: Completing our neighbourhoods

Prosper: Cultivating creative and innovative businesses

Green: Sustainability and environmental considerations

Healthy by Design

Considers whether the project contributes to the creation of walkable, sustainable and complete communities by demonstrating inter-related healthy development elements: density, service proximity, land use mix, street connectivity, streetscape characteristics and parking.

2023 Jury Members



Caroline Kim
Partner, Bousfields Inc.

Caroline is a licensed architect with over 20 years of experience in architecture and urban design. She has worked on a wide range of public and private sector projects and brings a unique perspective to community building. Caroline has worked on development projects, master plans, precinct plans, secondary plans and urban design studies. She possesses a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture and a Master's Degree in Urban Design.



Lesley Pavan
Senior Consultant, Perry Group Consulting Ltd.

Lesley is a Senior Consultant with over 30 years of municipal planning experience. She is also the former Director of Development and Design at the City of Mississauga. At the City, Lesley oversaw development approvals, the Zoning By-law and design projects. Shortly after retiring from her position at the City, she joined Perry Group Consulting to provide strategic advice to municipalities aiming to use digital technology to modernize their processes.



Tara Marchelewicz
Architectural Designer, Section Architects

Tara is an architectural designer. She is passionate about the communal experience of the built form and the dynamic potentials of the urban scale. At the University of Toronto, Tara studied Architecture, Art History and Psychology. She continued her studies at the Yale School of Architecture, where she earned a Master of Architecture in 2018.



Jane Welsh
Project Manager for Environment, Toronto City Planning

Jane is an environmental planner focused on developing new, progressive solutions for climate change and resilience. She is a Canadian Society of Landscape Architects fellow and Chair of the CSLA Committee on Climate Adaptation. Jane was also the president of the OALA. She holds a Master of Science in Planning from the University of Toronto and a degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Guelph.



Martin Reid
Councillor Ward 9 Mississauga

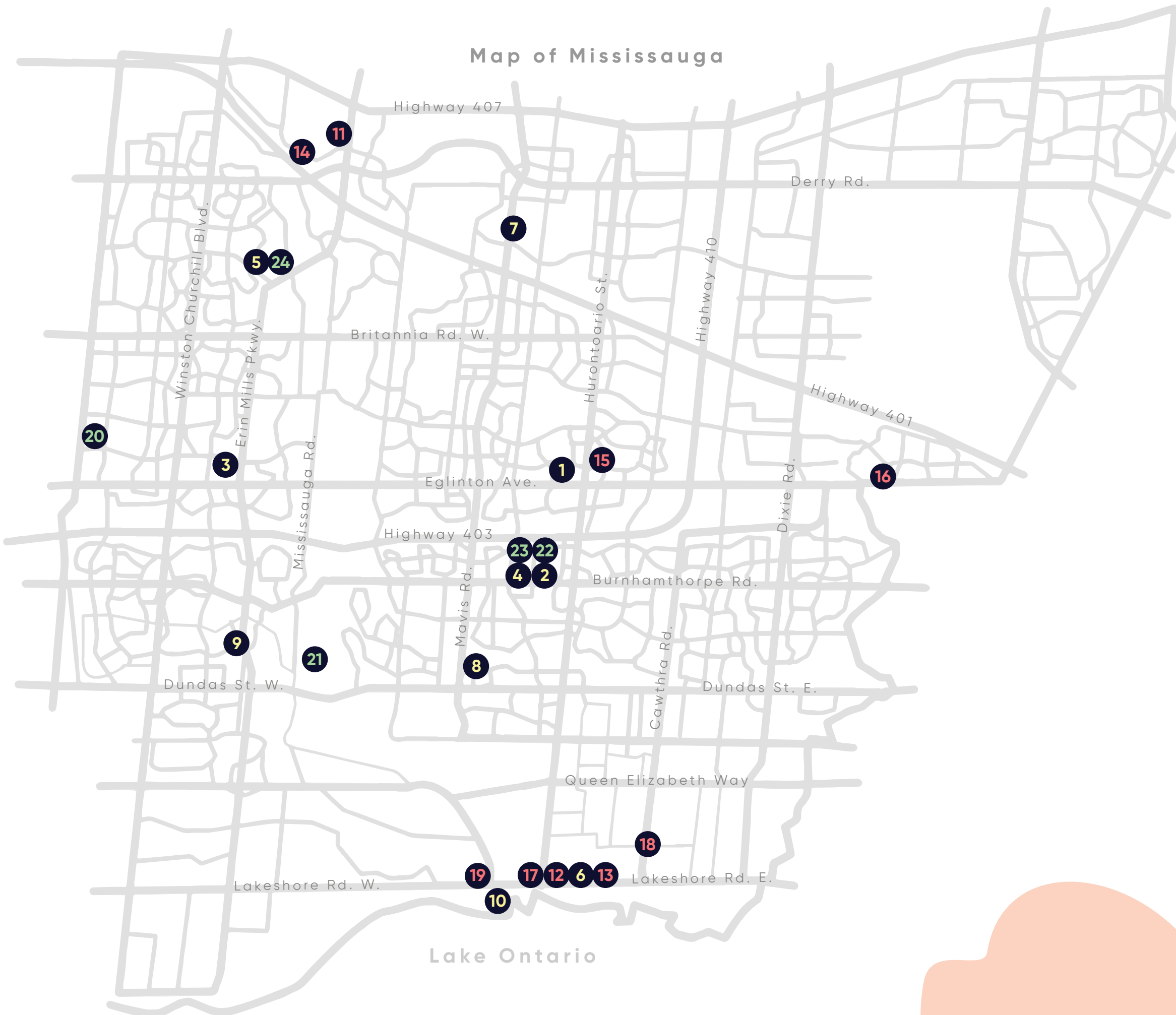
Martin is the City Councillor of Ward 9 in Mississauga and the Region of Peel. He is a lifelong resident of the City with a passion for social services and community building. His dedication is shown in the countless hours he has volunteered for the City in the last two decades. Martin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Waterloo and a Master of Divinity in Marriage and Family Counselling from Tyndale University.



Nicholas Brandon
Associate Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel

Dr. Nicholas Brandon is a Public Health and Preventive Medicine physician and one of the Associate Medical Officers of Health at Peel Public Health. He is also an Assistant Professor in Clinical Public Health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto.

Map of Mississauga



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Award of Excellence, Award of Healthy By Design

Churchill Meadows Community Centre and Mattamy Sports Park

Situated within the rapidly growing Ward 10, the project converts a 50-acre agricultural field into richly textured parkland with a 75,000 sq ft Community Centre as its focus. The Centre's simple yet dynamic mass is integrated with the sports and leisure park to form a neighbourhood landmark and vital, city-wide destination for gathering and opportunities for healthy living. The striking canopy that runs along the west and south facades extends the building's Mass Timber structure – an array of glulam columns that provide structural and curtainwall framing. This structure is clad in expanded aluminium mesh that protects the wood from the elements and filters light to mitigate glare within the lobby, pool, and gyms. A measured trail loop runs around the perimeter of the park and also ties into the fabric of the surrounding neighbourhood and an existing trail network, making the park and Centre a vibrant new focal point of this system.

Jury Comments:

Churchill Meadows Community Centre and Mattamy Sports Park are must-visit destinations. The organization of the built form and open spaces are carefully connected and meaningfully executed with high quality materials, clearly displaying a high level of design excellence.

Viewed from a distance, the building invites visitors to explore the space. Piquing both curiosity and interest, this project is a show-stopper. The creative use of mass timber and easy wayfinding are standout elements, and demonstrate a thoughtful, and environmentally responsive approach to this new public facility. This landmark building is already a beloved community space, providing a sense of identity and a point of pride for the community.

At a human scale, the building is also a great success. It is well designed and immediately welcoming. The facility successfully promotes and supports an active, connected and healthy lifestyle. It is a hive of activity; this Community Centre is designed for users of all ages and enables a diversity of programming that is responsive to the community it serves.

For its exemplary success against all evaluation criteria, the Jury recognizes the Churchill Meadows Community Centre and Mattamy Sports Park with the Award of Excellence.

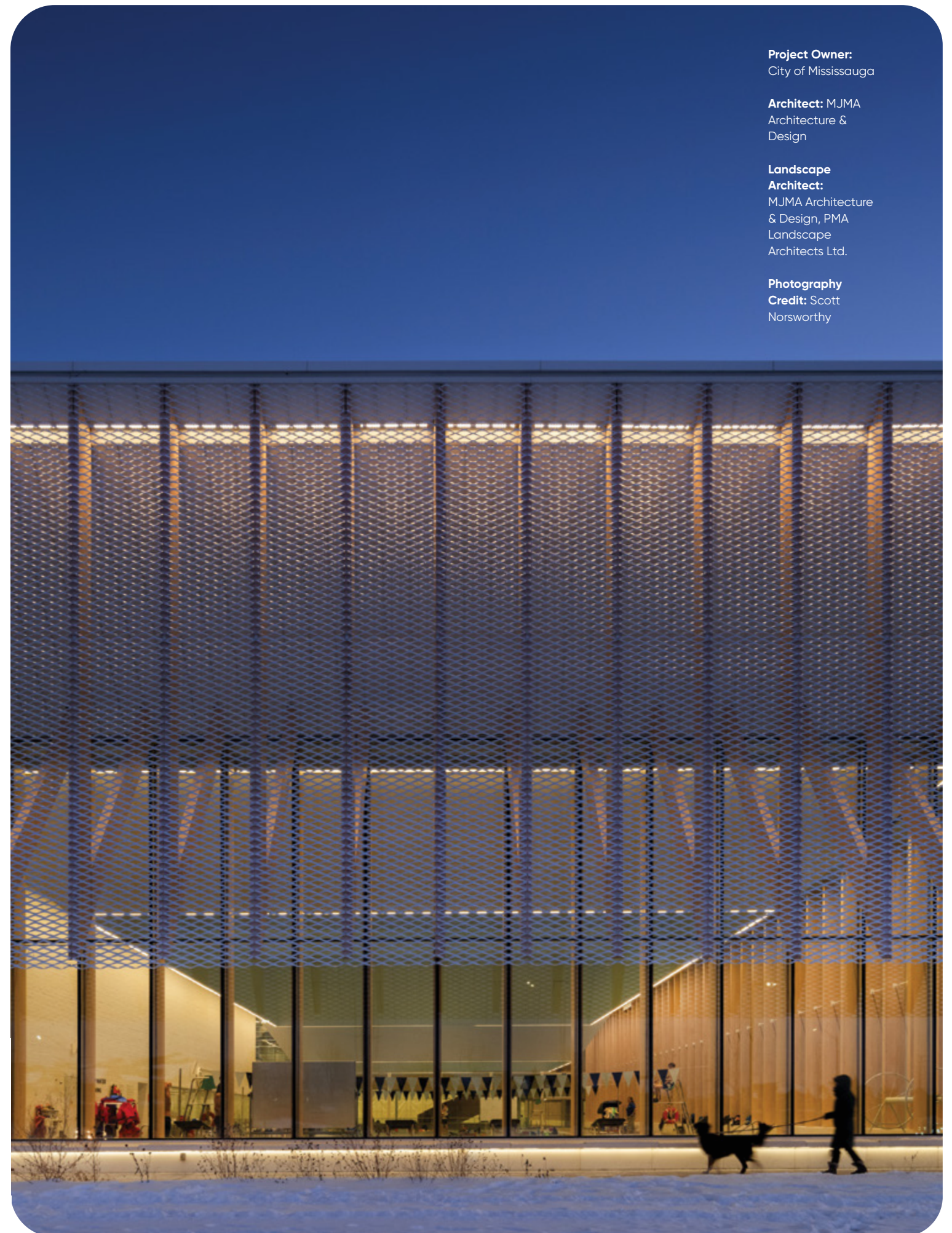
The Jury also recognizes the project for supporting active, healthy living with the Award of Health by Design.

Project Owner:
City of Mississauga

Architect: MJMA
Architecture &
Design

**Landscape
Architect:**
MJMA Architecture
& Design, PMA
Landscape
Architects Ltd.

**Photography
Credit:** Scott
Norsworthy



Combined recipient: Award of Merit

Sheridan College Hazel McCallion Campus Student Centre



Project Owner:
Sheridan College

Architect:
Montgomery
Sisam Architects,
Moriyama Teshima
Architects

Photography
Credit: Younes
Bounhar, Michael
Mura

Completing Mississauga's northern, five block Civic District, the Sheridan College Hazel McCallion Campus Student Centre responds to both the needs of a growing campus and to the broader vision of Mississauga's Downtown 21 Master Plan. A physical and programmatic complement to the adjacent Phase 2 building, this new addition contains flexible spaces for gathering, study, worship, and sport.

The Student Centre successfully provides definition and active edges to the public realm, achieved

by integrating social programming and areas for physical activity. This includes Scholars' Green, a public park and academic common, and complemented by new sidewalks and bike paths.

The design expression comprises intersecting walkways, which form outdoor rooms that promote social interaction and passive recreation. The park's environmentally sustainable features include permeable pavements, on-site stormwater management and native plantings.

Combined recipient: Award of Merit, Award of Healthy By Design

Scholars' Green Park - Phase 2



Project Owner:
City of Mississauga

Landscape
Architect:
STUDIO tla

Urban Designer:
gh3

Photography
Credit: Shlomi
Amiga

In fall 2022, Phase 2 of Scholars' Green Park – located in the property's northwest area opened to students, faculty and the community, completing the transformation that was started with Phase 1 (2015) of a former parking lot into a vibrant, urban park in Mississauga.

Scholars' Green Park Phase 2 extends the symbiosis of public park and academic common introduced with Phase 1, providing outdoor amenities, such as hammocks, ping pong tables and a recreational field, that engage and activate visitors. Centralizing several programmed spaces into the core of the City Centre, the park offers accessible, open space, featuring pockets of dense tree planting that promote the City's urban forest.

Jury Comments:

Both of these projects – Sheridan College Hazel McCallion Campus Student Centre and Scholars' Green Park (Phase 2) – meaningfully enhance the City's downtown, and taken together, create an

inviting and welcoming space for all members of the community, whether they are students of the college or not.

The care and attention to detail that went into creating complementary spaces is remarkable, to the extent that one cannot imagine either project in isolation – the integration of the two is seamless. Through material applications – be it the variety of surface treatments, the bird friendly glazing, the ping pong tables featuring the city logo in their construction – and landscape elements like the dense grouping of trees and unique desire lines, these projects work together to invite spontaneity and community connection.

The jury recognizes these projects together with an Award of Merit for achievements in Execution, Context, and Significance at the Community Scale. Furthermore, with its non-traditional design, which promotes social connection and invites a diversity of activities, the Jury recognizes Scholars' Green Park (Phase 2) with the Award of Healthy by Design.

Award of Merit

Erin Mills Town Centre - Central Breezeway

Designed to be a comfortable, accessible and safe pedestrian connection between Erin Mills Town Centre and both the transit platforms and future development along Erin Mills Parkway. The Breezeway which is constructed of wood, steel and glass is flanked on both sides by shade trees and low planting acting as a buffer, providing access to both vehicle and bicycle parking with priority given to accessible parking at the entrance.

On a detail level the overall lighting is supplemented with pedestrian scale bollard lighting in the landscaped areas and at the crosswalk approaching the shopping centre. A drip irrigation system has been provided, which is fed from a rainwater harvesting system.

From a distance the Breezeway helps to breakdown the parking lot while reinforcing the sense of arrival.

Jury Comments:

The Central Breezeway at Erin Mills Town Centre is an exemplary addition to the mall that would be welcome in other parts of the City. As a unique design element, this breezeway serves a number of purposes; as wayfinding, directing people to the shopping centre, as weather protection for visitors to the mall, and as an inviting feature that provides a safe and accessible connection for drivers, pedestrians and transit users alike to access their destination. It is a feature that should serve as an example and catalyst for future mall developments.

Viewed from many different vantage points – whether inside the shopping centre or the busy arterial road nearby – the breezeway draws the eye and extends the design experience of the commercial space into the public realm. Through its selection of interesting materials, landscaping elements and lighting features, this breezeway appropriately responds to both aesthetic and functional needs of the space.

For its achievements in both Context and Living Green, the Jury awards this project an Award of Merit.

Project Owner:
OPB (EMTC Inc.)

Architect: MMC
International
Architects Ltd.

**Landscape
Architect:** DTAH

**Photography
Credit:** Jason Dinh



Award of Merit

Ebb and Flow

Sculpture Court Skate Park is a unique space in the city because it's largely home to local skateboarders and has a strong community feel. Due to its location, however, the site is subject to defensive architecture practices, including increased surveillance, signage reinforcing the criminalization of graffiti, etc. While these practices have reinforced a lack of official site ownership, a strong sense of community ownership by local skateboarders has emerged.

In 2021, artists proposed artwork engaging viewers in a conversation exploring the relationship between urban design and community. Ray Vidal was selected to create "Ebb and Flow", a mural series depicting the constant flow of energy that skateboarders channel to create something cosmic. As a skateboarder who uses the park, Ray had a strong connection with the local skateboarders and was able to create a striking mural series that contributes to the sense of belonging and self-reflection in the space.

Jury Comments:

Ebb and Flow invites curiosity.

This public art project is found in a hidden corner of the city's downtown, and successfully invites the urban explorer in all of us to peek around the corner to discover this playful, welcoming space. On finding it, there is a sense of discovery, of being invited into this community that is really gratifying.

Developed in collaboration with the local skateboarding community – who are active users of this space – this project has a lot of significance at the local level, and successfully responds to the challenges posed by its context.

The Jury recognizes Ebb and Flow for achievements in Execution, Context and Significance at the Community Scale with an Award of Merit.

Project Owner:
City of Mississauga

Artist: Ray Vidal

Photography Credit:
Tylor Key-Carr

Award of Merit

3 Arches

The 3 Arches pavilion was created as a place to think about the world around us, a contemplative space for observing the surrounding environment, particularly the diverse flora and fauna of the Cooksville Creek wetland.

The artwork's intent is two-fold: first, to integrate the artwork into the larger natural and cultural systems of the wetland and second, to create a place that serves as an identifying landmark within the park and surrounding neighbourhood. The pavilion is situated on a jetty that extends into the wetland. Its central axis is east-west, reinforcing its connection to the park's sunrise and sunset.

The work is penta-pedal, composed of three parabolic arches and a series of linking cross-members. One arch transforms into two, expanding the view within to the landscape beyond. The threshold of the arches creates a protected space while remaining open and visible to the rest of the park.

Jury Comments:

3 Arches beckons you to visit.

This Public Art project serves as a local landmark. It is visible from a great distance and pulls you toward it. On closer inspection, the project successfully responds to its environs, and draws your attention to the wetlands and ecologically diverse spaces that surround it.

The jury recognizes 3 Arches for achievements in Context and Significance at the Community Level with an Award of Merit.

Project Owner:
City of Mississauga

Artist:
Polymetis

Photography Credit:
Tori Lambermont



Award of Healthy by Design

The Shores of Port Credit

Project Owner:
The Shores of Port
Credit Inc.

Landscape Architect:
Salmona Tregunno Inc.

Architect: Global
Architect Inc.

Photography Credit:
Ranieri Possamai,
Paolo Pivetta, MDP
Group Inc.



The Shores of Port Credit is an integrated Seniors Lifestyle Community featuring an 8 storey 141 unit independent living apartment, and an 8 storey 160 unit retirement building with memory care and assisted living. The community also features 16 townhome units which have rejuvenated High Street. The Shores provides a graduated level of senior housing in a carefree and supportive living environment allowing the elderly to age in place, with the full support of health care facilities. The retirement and apartment components, each unique in look but sharing a complementary palette of materials and massing, are connected by a 2-storey atrium with rooftop terrace that acts as the common entrance. Evoking images of the history of Port Credit and the community's position as Mississauga's Waterfront, the building actively engages the community at street level with retail and further acts as a gateway to the western approach to Port Credit.

Jury Comments:

As a purpose built seniors lifestyle community, the Shores of Port Credit integrated healthy, active and connected lifestyle through the attention to details. It demonstrates a connection to the broader community through walkways and walkable amenities. It promotes active living through integrated onsite fitness features. It facilitates social connection through its design of public spaces, and amenities like conversational seating.

The jury recognizes the Shores of Port Credit's achievement in centring healthy living for its residents with the Award of Healthy by Design.

People's Choice Award

Spectrum Square Phase I and II

Spectrum Square Phases I & II consists of two LEED gold certified buildings, 5015 Spectrum Way and 5050 Satellite Drive, within a master-planned campus concept that integrates workplaces, hospitality, and lifestyle amenities into an innovative community. The two multi-tenant office buildings have large flexible floor plates and sustainable design features such as a pressurized raised floor HVAC system, operable windows, floor-to ceiling windows, daylight harvesting, and outdoor terraces, making Spectrum Square a leader in employee health and wellness. Located south of Pearson International Airport and Hwy 401, the campus was intentionally connected with a Bus Rapid Transit station and prioritizes attractive pedestrian-only public space which animates the area beyond work hours and supports active living. With a central, collaborative public square, over 60,000 SF of food and beverage programming, bicycle and pedestrian paths throughout, Spectrum Square exemplifies a dynamic new way to work that promotes wellness, connection, and creativity.

About the People's Choice Award

The People's Choice Award is part of the Mississauga Urban Design Awards and it is given to the project that receives the most public votes through online voting.

All projects submitted to the Mississauga Urban Design Awards are eligible for the People's Choice Award. Photos, addresses and descriptions of all projects were shared within the online voting platform from June 1 to July 30. All residents of Mississauga - and design enthusiasts from across the internet - were invited to vote for their favourite development.



Project Owner:
HOOPP

Architect:
Sweeny&Co
Architects Inc.

Landscape Architect:
NAK Design
Strategies

Photography Credit:
Riley Snelling

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