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RE: 2008 National Urban Design Awards

Your Worship,

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC), the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP), and Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) invites you to enter your winning 2007 submissions in the 2008 National Urban Design Awards. This awards program recognizes and celebrates the efforts of communities, which have improved the quality of our cities across Canada. The RAIC has implemented a two-tier awards program that recognizes individuals and organizations at both the local and national levels. This is the only national awards program exclusively recognizing urban design achievement. A summary of the program is attached.

The National Urban Design Awards are the final stage of a two-tier program held in co-operation with a number of Canadian municipalities, supported by RAIC, the Canadian Institute of Planners, and Canadian Society of Landscape Architects. Recipients are previous year's winners from participating municipalities, such as Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, and Ottawa as well as submissions from other communities in Canada in an open category.

For the 2008 edition we have created a new award category for small and medium communities. We hope to include the City of Hamilton to our list of participants. As is the situation with other participating municipalities there would be no submission entry fee for your award winners, simply the obligation to submit the projects according to the predetermined format described in the attached information. If you are interested in participating, please provide us with the name of a city official who can act as your representative for this program.
The RAIC is a voluntary national association established in 1907 as the voice for architecture and its practice in Canada. Representing more than 3,700 architects, the RAIC provides the national framework for the development and recognition of architectural excellence.

The RAIC, CIP and CSLA look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours truly,

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