



# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	September 14, 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Urban Design and Architecture Awards (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

The purpose of this communication is to inform Members of Council about the upcoming Urban Design and Architecture Awards ceremony which will be held in Joyce Gallery at Mohawk College on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

## Background

The City of Hamilton is hosting the biennial Urban Design and Architecture Awards to recognize and celebrate excellence in the design of our urban environment.

Staff received 34 submissions in the following categories:

1. Urban Elements;
2. Private Buildings in Context;
3. Public Buildings in Context;
4. Open Spaces, Public Spaces & Green Infrastructure;
5. Visions & Master Plans; and,
6. Civic Achievements.

Submissions are currently being evaluated by the jury. For each category, awards will be given for contribution to the public realm, quality of execution, innovation and uniqueness, and energy efficiency, sustainability, adaptability and resiliency. In addition, the Chief Planner's Award will be given to a transformational project based on the City's urban design and sustainability objectives.

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OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

**Next Steps**

- All members of Council are welcome to attend the event, and staff will be contacting the Councillors in wards where projects will be receiving awards, to invite them to participate in the presentation of the awards in their wards

For further information please contact Ken Coit, Director of Heritage and Urban Design by phone at 905-546-2424 Ext. 7557 or by email at [Ken.Coit@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ken.Coit@hamilton.ca).

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

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