



Summerside Wellness Centre design wins award

January 25, 2008 – Atlantic Canadian firm WHW Architects has been recognized by one of the world's leading authorities on concrete technology for its use of the material in the Summerside Wellness Centre.

WHW received the Architectural Merit award from the American Concrete Institute (ACI) —Atlantic Chapter. The institute said the centre's design and construction represents "the best in concept, originality and application of concrete". The award is part of the 11th Atlantic Concrete Awards 2008 Competition.

"To be part of a project that is a landmark for the City of Summerside and its citizens has been exciting for us from the beginning," said John Emmett, Chairman of WHW Architects. "This award is a testament to the people of Summerside for having vision and allowing our team to help make it a reality."

Designed in collaboration with MacLennan Jaunkains Miller Architects of Toronto, the centre is Eastern Canada's newest and most advanced sporting, recreation and event facility, accommodating conferences, cultural shows, performing arts and sporting events.

In recognizing WHW's work, the ACI noted the design of the Aquatics Centre's pool forms, stairs for the waterslide, and a 4000-spectator pre-cast bleachers section around the main event arena.

"The Wellness Centre is an example of the talents and abilities of professionals in Atlantic Canada, working together to help make a difference," said Emmett. "We are pleased to have been part of contributing to the revitalization of the downtown core of Summerside, by designing a gathering place for everyone to experience."

Other members of WHW's project team include: The City of Summerside, MJM Architects Inc, BMR Engineering, James C. Johnson Associates Inc., Maxim 2000, Fitzgerald and Snow, Borchardt Concrete Products Ltd., Rideau PEI Inc., WM&M Ltd., and CRM Ready Mix Ltd.

WHW was recently honoured with the Nova Scotia Association of Architects Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence and the Canadian Design-Build Institute's Award of Excellence for work on the new Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Stadacona project. WHW is also a member on one of only four LEED™ (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) assessment teams across Canada.

WHW is an architectural design and consulting firm based in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Established in 1945, the firm has evolved into a leading architectural practice in the Atlantic region and, with a staff of over 50, is also the largest. With over 60 years of service, WHW has built a long-standing reputation for providing exceptional professional service with a creative flair and by paying attention to the individual needs of clients. www.whwarchitects.com

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