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Message from New AAA President Gordon Murray

Dear AAA Members,

I am honoured to be speaking to you all as President of the AAA and to carry on with the great headway that was made under the diligent and thoughtful leadership of the Immediate Past President Jan Pierzchajlo. I am pleased to continue to work with the new Council on becoming a high-functioning leadership team.

Early on in my term as Vice President, I began to participate in biweekly phone calls with the President and the Executive Director, Barbara Bruce. This involvement enabled me to become more familiar with leadership matters and has better prepared me to transition into the role of President.



Collectively, we have some challenging times ahead. Just to name two very important issues in front of us, we have the legislative changes we are pushing for from the provincial government along with the bylaw changes. Fortunately, we have well-managed finances and a dedicated group of Council members who hold the professions of Architecture & Interior Design in the highest regard; not to mention, a rock-solid team at Duggan House who are committed to providing excellent member services. AAA Council, the Executive Director and staff are always looking for ways to improve on how to serve our members more effectively in a world that sees rapid and sometimes profound changes.

I look forward to the coming year with great anticipation and to serving you as the 83rd President of the AAA.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with your comments or questions. I can be contacted at president@aaa.ab.ca.

Thank you,

**Gordon Murray, Architect, AAA
President**



Barry Johns Recognized With 2020 Tom Sutherland Award

Barry Johns, Architect, AAA (Life Member), was awarded the Tom Sutherland Award for his emphatic leadership and dedication to positively impacting architecture and design.

Read more [here](#).

Congratulations

The Alberta Association of Architects would like to recognize our newest architects and licensed interior designers. Moving from internship to registered architect or licensed interior designer is a milestone that takes many years and countless hours to achieve. Congratulations on your hard work and perseverance!

Architect, AAA

Esha Das
Adrian Camacho
Lee Halwa
Alexa Collopy
Amina Oyakhilome
Erin Chartrand
Caroline Stark
Slaymaan Altasaini
Theresa Te
Andrew Dejneka
Dalton Kaun
Michelle Goss

Emma Dunn
Noorullah Hussain Zada
Lea Lohnes
Eugene Dening
Mark Isinger
Faria Hamidzadeh
Andrew Pun
Mareko Gaoboe
Michael Corpuz
Kaitlyn Labrecque
Deepa Somani
Krista Perrin

Maricris Usher
Danielle Lalonde
Tiffany Shaw-Collinge
Stephen Faust
Bin Tian
Melissa Cowan
David Tyf
Rui Nakao
David Flynn
Liza Skaria
Hironobu Nishizawa
Michael Svec

Carlos Gamez Ruiz
Jorge Hernandez Varela

Licensed Interior Designer, AAA
Lisa Hering-Donnelly
Lacey Pearn

The Alberta Association of Architects
Architects and Licensed Interior Designers



New Council Announced

Members of the AAA recently elected Council members from a slate of eight candidates to fill three vacant seats on the AAA Council. [More...](#)

Banff Session Rescheduled to April 22-24, 2021

We are pleased to announce that Banff Session has been rescheduled to April 22-24, 2021 at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel!

We are keeping the same conference theme, schedule and as many of the same speakers as possible. We are controlling costs to ensure registration prices remain the same.

We are excited to meet up again next year for an energizing weekend in Banff!

Complaint Review Committee Members Needed

The AAA is looking for members to volunteer on the Complaint Review Committee (CRC). Participating on the CRC is very important work, and volunteers will now be more fully recognized for their time. [More...](#)

AAA's First Virtual AGM

The AAA held their first virtual Annual General Meeting and Member Forum via webinar on May 21, 2020. There were 235 people in attendance of the 273 that registered for the webinar.

In addition to Gordon Murray, Architect, AAA addressing the AAA membership as President for the first time, [new Council members](#) were announced, and the [Tom Sutherland Award](#) was presented.

The recorded webinar as well as the meeting minutes will be available on the AAA website within the next few weeks. Please [click here](#) to view the annual report.

The AAA wishes to thank [PCL](#) for their continued sponsorship of the AGM despite the change in format from an in-person to virtual meeting.

Registration Open for ExAC 2020

Registration for the Examination for Architects in Canada (ExAC) is open from June 1, 2020 to August 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM (MDT).

Please refer to the [ExAC website](#) for more information about the exams.

Help Support a Future Architect

An individual in the Calgary area reached out to the AAA on behalf of his 11-year-old

birthday.

If you would be willing to donate either any of these items, please email communications@aaa.ab.ca for more details.

Legal Ruling Announced on Municipal Permitting Decision in Favour of AIBC

On May 29, 2020, the judgment in the City of Langford judicial review was released, and the AIBC was successful in having the declaration issued by the courts. [More...](#)

"As Chair of the Advocacy Committee, I am so pleased that the AAA's work with the AHJs is in alignment with what our provincial counterparts are doing regarding the importance of engaging our professions in the building process. Please read the attached article and be assured that we will be using this as an example in future communications with our municipal partners."

- Shawna Cochrane, Architect, AAA

Professional Development News

The latest in Professional Development (PD) news including information on updated PD guidelines that enhance the number of learning hours (LHs) that members can report for their valued participation with AAA Council / AAA Committees and AAA Task Forces. [More...](#)

Planning and Development

Planning and development updates from Calgary and Edmonton, including several new public safety measures instituted during the COVID-19 pandemic. [More...](#)

STANDATA

Alberta Municipal Affairs has released several new STANDATA updates. [More...](#)



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