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Bill Chomik Awarded 2021 Tom Sutherland Award

Edmonton, AB 05/20/2021 – William (Bill) Chomik, Architect, AAA has been awarded the Tom Sutherland Award in recognition of his design expertise, community service and leadership in the field of architecture.

The Tom Sutherland Award was created in 2017 to recognize a member of the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) who has exemplified the leadership qualities and commitment to community service of the late Tom Sutherland. Bill was recognized as the recipient of the 2021 Tom Sutherland Award at the AAA's 2021 Annual General Meeting.

In his acceptance speech Bill said, “to be judged as having the qualities of leadership and service in both the profession and the community at large as Tom possessed is, to say the least, humbling.”

Bill was first registered as an architect with the AAA in 1985 and has worked on more than 700 buildings over the course of his career. He has gained a reputation as the most knowledgeable planetarium architect in the world, with the Calgary Science Centre planetarium being the first of the 25 he has designed around the world.



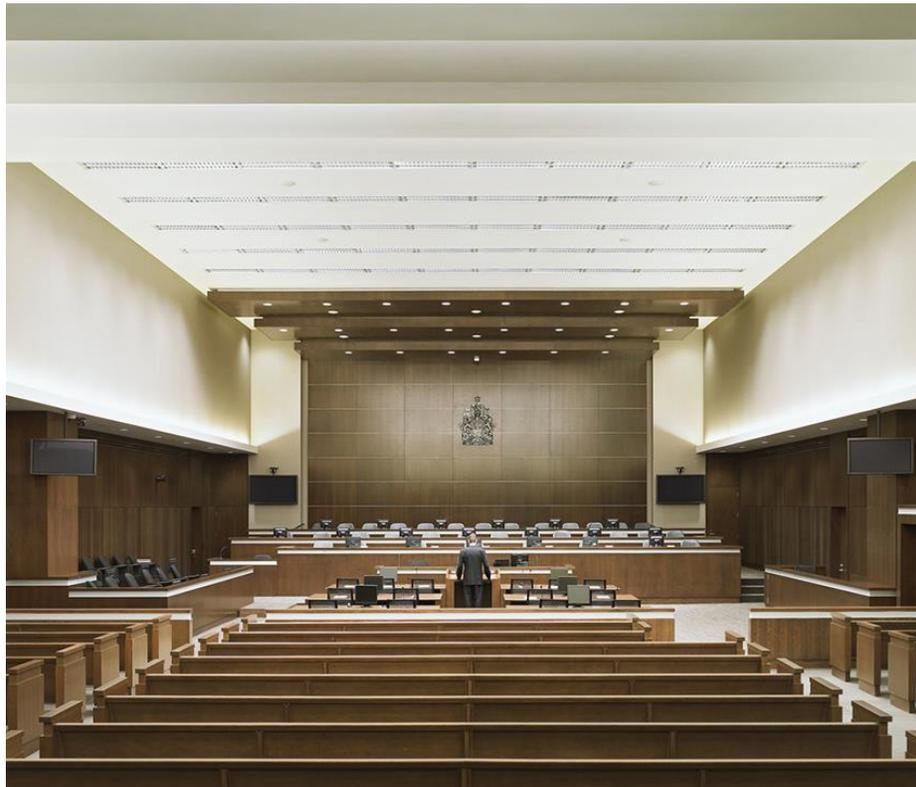
Bill has received many awards, including a Governor General’s Award for Architecture and a City of Calgary Mayor’s Urban Design Award, alongside international recognition, receiving honorary fellowships with the American Institute of Architects and Federación de Colegios de Arquitectos de la República Mexicana Ac.

Throughout his career Bill has also accumulated an extensive record of community service, including serving as a Community Member of the University of Calgary Senate since 2015 and Chair of the City of Calgary Urban Design Review Panel from 2005-2007.

In his nomination letter, Arup Datta, AAA Life Member, wrote, “Bill’s contributions to the built environment are only outdone by his leadership achievements in our architectural community.”

AAA Registered Architect Katherine Robinson wrote, “as a highly creative architect who brings honesty, transparency and innovation to every project, Bill has also made invaluable contributions to Calgary – matching his prolific architectural output with an ongoing, passionate commitment to the local community.”

You can learn more about Bill here: <https://kasian.com/team-members/bill-chomik/>.



Calgary Courts Centre (photo from Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd.)



Songam Space Centre (photo from Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd.)

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The late Tom Sutherland grew up in Edmonton and returned to the city in 1997 after practicing architecture in Boston and Toronto. As a Managing Principal at Dialog Design, he was responsible for some of Edmonton's most distinctive new buildings including the Kaye Edmonton Clinic and NorQuest College's Singhmar Centre. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Architecture Institute of Canada and led the creation of the Prairie Design Awards.

Throughout his life, Sutherland was committed to improving our community and the professions of architecture and interior design. His legacy lives on through his family, and the joy his designs bring to our community.

The Tom Sutherland Award was created in 2017 and is presented each year to an AAA member who exemplifies Sutherland's exceptional leadership qualities within the architectural or interior design sector in Alberta, advances the profession, and demonstrates extraordinary service to the community.

The inaugural presentation of the award was posthumously bestowed on Tom Sutherland and accepted by his wife, Sandi Sutherland, in May 2017.

For more information on the Tom Sutherland Award, click [here](#).



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