



CPCI and Industry Members Celebrate Excellence in the AEC Community

November 20, 2023 - Ottawa, Ontario - The Canadian Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (CPCI) is pleased to announce the 2023 CPCI Annual Partners Awards of Excellence recipients.

Held annually at the Canadian Precast Concrete Convention, the Awards celebration promotes the precast concrete industry within the regions of Canada, and winners are chosen from the area where the event is held. This year, the CPCI meetings were held in vibrant Toronto, ON. The awards recognize professionals in the fields of engineering, architecture and real estate development for their outstanding contribution to the Canadian precast prestressed concrete industry in education, innovation, sustainability and change; for positive leadership, industry-altering development and expansion; and for accelerating the growth of the Canadian precast prestressed concrete industry.

CPCI 2023 Partners Awards of Excellence Winners



From left to right: James Lockwood, CPCI Board Member, presents the Roy Willwerth Architectural Recognition Award to Andrew Bousfield, ABA Architects

The **Roy Willwerth Architectural Recognition Award** was presented to **ABA Architects Inc.** Located in Waterloo, the firm's award-winning work is found in cities and towns across Ontario, predominately in Kitchener, Waterloo, and Guelph. The firm's scope includes institutional, commercial office, retail and industrial projects. ABA has worked on many precast concrete projects over the years. This includes the notable Circa 1877 in Waterloo, a 19-storey residential building with a 5-storey podium containing parking and commercial uses, as well as the award-winning South Hill Condominiums, an 8-storey total precast concrete mid-rise condo building located in Guelph.

CPCI's Real Estate Development Award of Excellence was presented to **Killam Apartment REIT**. Killam Apartment REIT, based in Halifax, is one of Canada's largest residential landlords, owning, operating, managing and developing a diverse portfolio of apartments, manufactured homes and seasonal properties. Killam is the developer for Civic 66, a new contemporary residential development in Kitchener. The luxury mixed-use apartment building comprises a precast concrete structure, multiple green features, and ample underground and surface parking. Killam Apartment REIT also owns Saginaw Gardens, a seven-storey total precast concrete apartment building located in Cambridge.



Carrie Curtis (left) and Conner Godin (right) from Killam Apartment REIT being presented with the CPCI Real Estate Development Award

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Two firms were selected for the CPCI Engineering Award of Excellence this year.



James Lockwood (right), CPCI Board Member, presenting the CPCI Engineering Excellence Award to Kurt Ruhland from MTE Consultants

CPCI's Engineering Award of Excellence was presented to MTE Consultants. MTE Consultants is an engineering firm providing civil and structural engineering services, building and environmental science, toxicology and land surveying. MTE provided civil and structural engineering services in support of the Platinum condos, an iconic 24-storey total precast concrete tower located in the heart of downtown Hamilton. The building also includes both underground and above-ground parking. MTE Consultants also played an important role in developing the Belmont Trio. The Trio project comprises three apartment buildings ranging from 8 to 14 storeys with a shared above-ground parking garage in Kitchener.

RIZZ Engineering was also the recipient of the **CPCI Engineering Excellence Award**. RIZZ Engineering Inc. is an award-winning structural engineering-focused practice based in Waterloo. The RIZZ Engineering team has a multitude of experience working with Contractors, Architects, and Developers on various project types and sizes. RIZZ was involved with Dorchester Terrace, a four-storey total precast concrete apartment building located in Niagara Falls. Dorchester Terrace is an example of simple elegance, which was created by using multiple precast concrete elements, dynamic textures and rich colours. The firm also worked on 222 Albert Street, a 12-storey total precast apartment located in Waterloo.



Ryan Schwindt (right) accepting the CPCI Engineering Excellence Award on behalf of RIZZ Engineering Inc.

CPCI wishes to congratulate all winners and is looking forward to honouring other deserving firms at next year's Canadian Precast Concrete Convention being held in Edmonton, Alberta, from October 7-10, 2024.

About the Canadian Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute

CPCI is the prime source of technical information about precast and prestressed concrete in Canada, whose mission is to be the body of knowledge for precast and prestressed concrete in Canada and to educate, advocate and raise awareness with key decision makers on the outstanding attributes of precast concrete products and systems. The Institute is the publisher of the CPCI Design Manual 5th Edition, the Best Practice Guide for Architectural Precast Concrete and over 100 other publications.

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