



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	February 12, 2025
SUBJECT:	Urban Design and Architecture Awards and Symposium (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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The purpose of this communication is to inform you about the upcoming Urban Design and Architecture Awards program for 2025. The program will begin with a launch event/symposium followed by a call for submissions and then the awards ceremony.

The public symposium, How to Make a Greener City/ Growing Hamilton's Urban Forest will be held in David Braley Health Sciences Centre, McMaster University, 100 Main Street West on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Urban Design and Architecture Awards ceremony will be held in Rock Garden Great Room, Royal Botanical Gardens, 1185 York Blvd on Thursday, November 6, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Please hold the dates for these events.

Background

This year, 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.

As a launch event to the awards program and in keeping with staff's work on the Urban Forest Canopy by-laws and policies, the City will host a symposium, How to Make a Greener City/ Growing Hamilton's Urban Forest. The Symposium will be in a format of a moderated expert panel discussion.

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Following the Symposium, the City of Hamilton will open the call for submissions for The Urban Design and Architecture Awards. Submissions in the following categories will be evaluated later in the summer by a professional jury:

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

Next Steps

Please hold the dates of the Symposium and the Urban Design and Architecture Awards ceremony in your calendars. Staff will be in contact with you if any of the award-winning projects are in your Ward.

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