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STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

The Police Station: A Contemporary Design Challenge – COMPETITION UPDATE

In the context of social unrest, violent protests, easy access to guns, Black Lives Matter, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the decanting of mental health facilities and the legalization of marijuana, society's standard institutions and approaches are being challenged and questioned. Police often find themselves on the front lines of these issues, and are asked to serve and protect in a complex and changing environment. New skill sets, changing laws and evolving expectations need a commensurate evolution in building typology to support them, symbolize those changes, and positively enhance city building and the connection between policing and the community.

The Competition

Architecture students in Canada are invited to speculate on these issues in a design competition sponsored by the Canadian Academy of Architecture for Justice. Submissions are welcomed from either studio groups or individual students, on a site of their own selection. The design will be a response to a defined brief simulating real-world challenges and will be evaluated by a jury of architects with experience in this field, police and community representatives. The program is for a 12,000 sq.m standalone municipal police building, typical for medium urban communities.

Participants are highly encouraged to explore a wide spectrum of architectural responses from functional and practical at one end to philosophical and social at the other – including the ways in which a building such as this can impact the relationship between a police organization and the community it serves, both now and into the future. How can the design of a police facility go beyond 'normal' expectations of supporting effective and efficient operations and positively influence the building users, enhance the community's experience and the future evolution of the city?

Timelines

August 25, 2017 - Competition Brief Released
February 2, 2018 - Deadline for Questions
May 22, 2018 - Submission Deadline

Awards

A financial award will be presented to the winning and runner-up submissions, sponsored by the RAIC Foundation.

Competition Details & Terms of Reference

Competition terms of reference have been emailed to all Canadian schools of architecture, or can be downloaded from www.caaj.ca.

Sponsor

The Canadian Academy of Architecture for Justice is a group of architects, designers and allied professionals working in the field of justice architecture, with the aim to share knowledge and advance Canadian expertise in the field.

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