

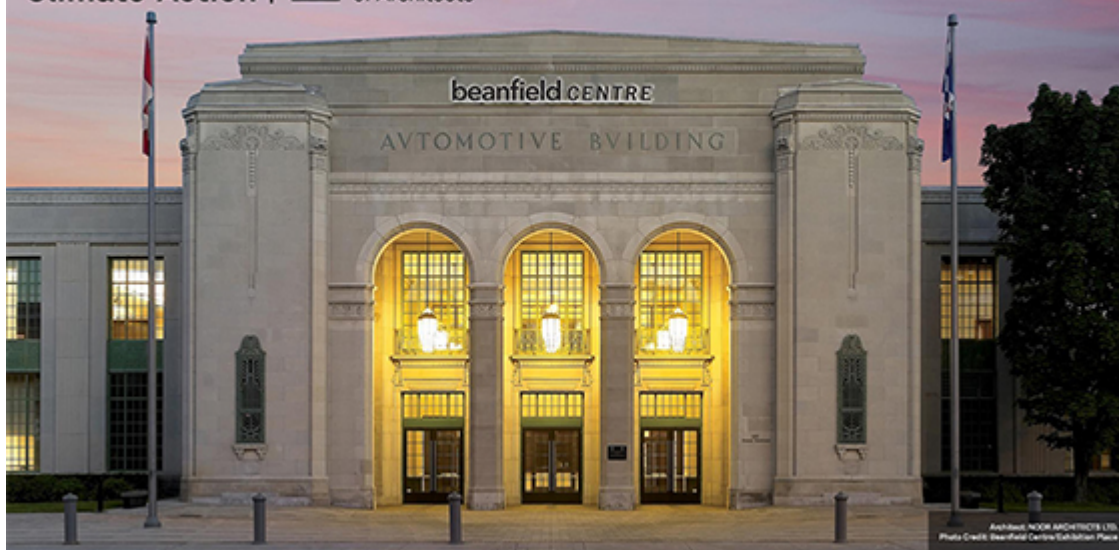
OAA Conference Registration Ends Soon

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In-Person Registration closes TOMORROW at midnight!

Don't miss out on signing up for the [in-person OAA Conference](#) before online registration closes at **11:59 pm** on **Wednesday, May 4**—sessions, special events, and tours are quickly filling up! [Virtual Conference](#) registration remains open until Monday, May 9 at 11:59 pm.

The 2022 OAA Conference, [Inspiring Climate Action](#), takes place in Toronto's Beanfield Centre next week from **May 11–13**, offering more than 19 hours of Continuing Education. In-person and virtual packages are available, with special pricing for Student Associates, Intern Architects, and OAA Technology Program technologists and students.

The OAA remains committed to providing a safe environment for individuals attending this year's Conference. **In-person registrants must have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and masks are required**, both at the Beanfield Centre and the OAA

Headquarters—site of Wednesday's [Launch! Party](#) and a [daily Continuing Education case study](#).

Proof of vaccination will need to be provided before entering the venues or attending tours. Please ensure you bring a government-issued photo ID as well as documentation for your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

All registrants to Conference will receive a special email later this week with further information.

On-Site Registration

Next week, once the event kicks off on Wednesday, you can also register for the in-person Conference at the Beanfield Centre at the Purchase Registration desk (Ballroom D + Pre-function C from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm). Come early to ensure you have time to register and attend your session.

Payment methods include debit and cheque. Proof of payment by online banking or e-Transfer is also accepted. (Please note credit card payments can only be done online prior to registration closing; the OAA is not able to take credit card payments in person.)



The [2022 Annual General Meeting of Members \(AGM\)](#) will be held in an in-person and virtual format on **Thursday, May 12** from **4:00 to 5:30 pm**. All those with OAA status are welcome to attend, but only licensed members may vote.

If you are already registered for the OAA Conference with a virtual package, then you are automatically registered for the AGM. For in-person Conference attendees, if you have not already done so, you can add the AGM to your registration. (For those at the Beanfield Centre, there will be a special OAA Meet Up from 3:30 to 4 pm prior to the AGM, with alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages available, as well as passed hors d'oeuvres in Ballroom D + Pre-function C.)

For those not participating in the Conference, please [click here](#) to register for the AGM by **Tuesday, May 10** at noon to attend and be eligible to vote. Access to the virtual AGM will be sent to your email address of record at least one day prior to the AGM.

A copy of the [2021 Annual Report](#) is available on the OAA Website. The AGM agenda, as well as rules, procedures, and other documents are available on the [OAA Website](#).

DESIGN EXCELLENCE & SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

OAA Awards at Conference and Live on YouTube

Whether you're attending Conference on-site or online, you will not want to miss the Recognition Lunch at **noon on May 11** at the Beanfield Centre. Hosted by TV host, news anchor, and author **Andrea Bain**, the event features the winners of this year's Service Awards, including the Order of da Vinci (**John van Nostrand**), Lifetime Design Achievement (**Diarmuid Nash**), and G. Randy Roberts Service Award (**Camille Mitchell**) as well as the OAA Technology Program Student Awards, the 2021 Honorary Members, and the posthumous addition of **Eberhard Zeidler** to the Honour Roll.

The next evening, on May 12 at 7 pm, a special invite-only Celebration of Excellence at the Toronto Event Centre (TEC), hosted by **Amber Mac**, will showcase this year's eight Design Excellence winners, as well as reveal the recipients of additional awards, including **Smart Density** for Best Emerging Practice. It will be followed by the big Archifête party, for which tickets are still available. (Shuttle buses will take attendees between the TEC and Beanfield.)

The Celebration of Excellence will also stream live on the [OAA Website](#). Please share the link with family and friends as we come together to honour architecture and those behind the projects.



In a bid to reach net-zero carbon and meet the 2030 Challenge a decade early, the OAA undertook a deep energy retrofit and interior renovation of its Headquarters at 111

Moatfield and proved that ambitious, climate-resilient targets can be achieved in even the most challenging building designs, without starting from scratch.

At Conference, sign up for one of three special off-site Continuing Education excursions, “[OAA Headquarters Project: An Architectural Case Study](#),” and shuttle from the Beanfield Centre to the Don Mills neighbourhood to explore the Association’s iconic building.

Join renovation project team members—architect **David Fujiwara**, OAA Building Committee chair (and architect) **Sheena Sharp**, lighting consultant **Deborah Gottesman**, and energy performance specialist and engineer **Antoni Paleshi**. Together, they will share lessons learned that can be adapted and applied to buildings across the province. Learn about energy modelling, the importance of net-zero carbon, and how to create energy to offset usage, along with the benefits of cutting-edge lighting and mechanical systems and flexible office arrangements.

Additionally, on **Wednesday, May 11**, original building architect **Ruth Cawker** will be joining the OAA as it hosts its free [LAUNCH! reopening party](#)—register now!



OAA’s **May 11** Conference Plenary, “[Beyond Net-Zero: Building Positive Futures through Regenerative Architecture and Design](#),” brings together key thought leaders to discuss how the principles of regeneration can create better conditions to support ecosystems and all the individuals within. Writer and educator **Shawn Micallef** (*Spacing*) will be at the Beanfield Centre, moderating a virtual discussion between:

- **Craig Applegath**, architect, urban designer, past OAA President and zero-carbon building pioneer;
- **Nina-Marie Lister**, professor and graduate director at the School of Urban & Regional Planning at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson), visiting professor of landscape architecture at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design, and holder of the 2021 Margolese National Design for Living Prize; and
- **Michael Pawlyn**, UK-based architect, co-ordinator of Architects Declare, and expert in regenerative design and biomimicry whose TED Talk has had more than 2 million views.

The event aims to equip the in-person and virtual audience members with inspiring ideas as they shape the future of the built environment. It extends the dialogue from the OAA’s 2021 Plenary discussion, “[The Value of Zero: Investing in Carbon-Free Design](#),” which you can also watch online.

Register for the Conference, and add this event to your itinerary.



Sustainable design (and risk) is fuelled by many factors: client expectations, RFP requirements, the desirability of certain products/materials, manufacturer's specifications, constructors' capacity/skills, societal necessity, as well as the architect's own aspirations. Pro-Demnity Insurance Co. is once again a sponsor at this year's OAA Conference. Pro-Demnity encourages the wise, effective, and efficient management of risk—to learn more, read the article at [this link](#).

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