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ONTARIO'S STEP IN THE GREEN DIRECTION

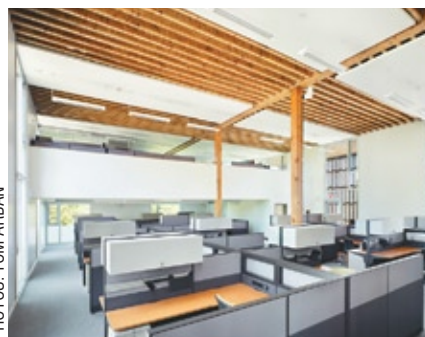
Toronto and Region Conservation's (TRCA) new Restoration Services Centre has been awarded LEED Platinum certification by the Canada Green Building Council. This is Ontario's first Platinum-certified building and one of only four other Canadian structures that have garnered this highest-level environmental certification.

TRCA's building was awarded 56 LEED points. Features that earned the Platinum certification include:

- composting toilets, water-less urinals and low-flow faucets, which will reduce indoor potable water usage by 80 per cent;
- ground-source heat pumps and heat recovery ventilators that reclaim the heat of the air being exhausted;
- the use of recycled materials including

reclaimed brick, crushed concrete in place of asphalt and other materials with high recycled content.

The project, which began in April 2006, was a collaborative effort between TRCA, Montgomery Sisam Architects, Enermodal Engineering mechanical and electrical engineers, Percon Construction Inc. and LEED consultants.



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COURTESY ABBOTSFORD CONCRETE

INTERPAVE PRECAST SYSTEMS LTD. AWARDED AT HARDSCAPE NORTH AMERICA (HNA)

The Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI), the Brick Industry Association and National Concrete Masonry Association recognized Surrey, B.C.'s Interpave Precast Systems Ltd. as the HNA Hardscape Project Award winner in the commercial concrete paver category with a project of more than 50,000 square feet. The Byrne and Marine Commercial Centre project featured more than 375,000 square feet of permeable pavement.

The inaugural HNA Hardscape Project Awards ceremony, which took place on February 29 at the Downtown Nashville Convention Center during the Hardscape North America trade show, awarded outstanding hardscape projects by contractors in residential and commercial/industrial applications, including walkways, patios, driveways, plazas, parking lots and more.

Wrapping Up Another Successful Year

Design Northwest/Buildex Vancouver/B.C. Construction Show exposition and conference is Western Canada's largest annual show for architectural, engineering, construction, interior design and real estate-management professionals. This year's sold-out show took place on February 13 and 14, 2008 at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre and drew 11,692 delegates, a 7.8-per-cent increase in attendance over 2007. All available exhibit and meeting room space was maximized, making this one of the venue's largest events.

The educational component was a key draw to the show, with 30 per cent of attendees taking advantage of at least one educational seminar. Green content was the focus of the lectures and seminars, and that theme carried through onto the exhibition floor.

Next year's event will be the final show held at the Vancouver Convention Centre. In 2010, the *Design Northwest/Buildex Vancouver/B.C. Construction Show* will be the first event held in the new convention centre after the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.



COURTESY DESIGN NORTHWEST/BUILDEX

Above: Renowned interior designer Robert Ledingham (facing camera) visits the Masco display booth, which won the event's best-of-show award.

FREDERICTON FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE 2008 JUNE 25-28

This year's festival has the honour of featuring Bob Berkebile, FAIA as keynote speaker. As a leading authority in sustainable design and founding chair of the American Institute of Architects' Committee on the Environment, his presence is expected to be a big draw for attendees.

Berkebile is a principal with the American firm BNIM Architects and has conducted numerous sustainable

design charrettes and workshops for the White House, the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy, among others.

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) and the Architects' Association of New Brunswick (AANB) will be hosting this year's Conference and Festival of Architecture, themed *Steering the Current*. For more information, visit the website: www.aanb.org.

Change of Date

Since the release of *Award* magazine's February 2008 issue, Edmonton's Construction event dates have been moved to May 8 and 9, 2008. The public viewing at Edmonton City Hall is now from May 10 to 14. For more information, visit the website: www.constructionedmonton.com.

