



PHILIP J. CURRIE
DINOSAUR MUSEUM

Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum wins three Prairie Wood Design 2015 Awards!

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EDMONTON, AB - At the annual award ceremony hosted by the Fairmont Macdonald in Edmonton on March 17, the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum picked up three awards in categories focused on exceptional architectural design for extensive use of wood, engineering excellence and the Engineer Wood Advocate award for exemplary nomination and civic reach.

According to Paul Whittaker, Provincial Director of Wood WORKS Alberta, the awards recognize the innovative choices made by Canadian designers using wood for structural functionality, sustainability and beauty. Categories of awards include residential, interior, municipal, recreational, commercial, institutional and Jury's Choice. Jurors included highly accomplished Architects Larry McFarland, Daryl Procinsky and Vedran Skopac.

Stephen Teeple, Principal of Toronto-based Teeple Architects and President and CEO of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, George Jacob accepted the awards. Board Chair of the River of Death and Discovery Dinosaur Museum Society Ross Sutherland congratulated all. Hon'ble Minister of Infrastructure Manmeet C. Bhullar and Hon'ble Diana McQueen, Minister of Municipal Affairs attended the ceremonies.

Daryl Procinsky, one of the jurors, stated "I loved the mastery of execution by Stephen Teeple and his design team on this precious gem. The alchemy a very tight funding model, ambitious program, and signature design has become a gift for Albertan's. The design minimized the extra cost and complexity of the structural members while adding complexity to the interior space. It is an inspired design that remained true to the materials that they wanted to use; forced exquisite teamwork to pull it together.

The form entices visitors to the Great Hall of the Museum, when they enter they are awed by its drama, beauty and the very bold, organic nature of the structural form. Public Architecture, especially in harsh climates needs to create emotionally uplifting space; this building has embraces the spirit of the history and the patrons.

I applaud the engineer's commitment to the use of materials. The complexity of the form inspired new technology developing the connections of laminated and sculpted wood elements



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and columns to be highly customized with innovative solutions. The engineer's took a seemingly inappropriate structural material (laminated wood is typically used as a skin not a connection) and through modeling, they have created a new light, attractive connection. It is innovative in how the structure manages to transfer loads to one point, the structure is an amazing feat on many levels and deserves recognition."

See attached photos

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